

**THE LATE,**  
**And much admired Play,**  
**CALLLED**  
**Pericles, Prince of**  
**Tyre.**

*With the true Relation of the whole Hi-  
story, adventures, and fortunes  
of the sayd Prince:*

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# The History Of

## Pericles, Prince of Tyre.

*Enter Gower.*

**T**elling a song that old was sung,  
From ashes, ancient *Gower* is come,  
Assuming mans infirmities,  
To gl-d your eare, and please your eyes;  
It hath beene sung at Festivals,  
On Ember eues, and holy-daies

And Lords and Ladies in their liues,  
Haue read it for restoratiues:  
The purchase is to make men glorious.

*Et bonum quo Antiquius eo melius:*

If you, borne in these latter times,  
When wits more ripe, accept my Rimes:

And that to heare an old man sing,

May to your wishes pleasure bring

I he would wish, and might

Waste it for you like Taper-light.

This *Antioch*, then, *Antiochus* the great,

Built vp this City for his chiefeft seate;

The fairest in all *Syria*.

I tell you what mine Authors say:

This King vnto him tooke a peere,

Who died, and left a female heire,

So bucksome, blithe, and full of face,

*Pericles prince of Tyre*

As heauen had lent her all his grace:  
With whom the Father likingooke,  
And her to incest did prouoke:  
Bad child, worse father, to entice his owne  
To euill should be done by none:  
But custome, what they did begin,  
Was with long vse, accounted no sinne,  
The beauty of this fiuall Dame,  
Made many Princes rather fraime,  
To seeke her as a bed-fellow,  
In marriage pleasures, play-fellow:  
Which to preuent, he made a Law,  
To keepe her still and men in awe,  
That who so askt her for his wife,  
His Riddle told no, lost his life:  
So for her many of wight did die,  
As yon grim lookes do testifie:  
What ensues to the iudgement of your eye,  
I giue my cause, who best can iustifie. *Exit.*

*Enter Antiochus Prince Pericles, and followers.*

*Ant.* Yong Prince of Tyre, you haue at large receiued:  
The danger of the taske you vndertake.  
*Per* I haue (*Antiochus*) and with a soule emboldned  
with the glory of her praise, thinke death no hazard,  
In this enterprize.

*Ant.* Musicke bring in our daughter, cloathed like a bride  
For embracements, euen of Ioue himselfe;  
At whose conception till *Lucina* reigned,  
Nature this dowry gane, to glad her presence,  
The Senate house of *Planets* all did fit,  
To knit in her this best perfection.

*Enter Antiochus Daughter.*

*Per.* See where she comes, appareld like the Spring,  
Graces her iudicats, and her though the King,  
Of euery vertue giues renowne to men.

*Her*



*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

Her face the booke of praises, were as read,  
Nothing but curious pleasures, as from thence  
Sorrow were euer rackt, and testy wrath  
Could neuer be her milde companion.  
You Gods that made me man, and sway in loue  
That haue enasim'd desire in my brest,  
To taste the fruite of yon celestiaall tree,  
[Or die in the aduenture] be my helpes,  
As I am sonne and seruant to your will,  
To compasse such a bondlesse happinesse.

*Ant. Prince Pericles.*

*Per.* That would be sonne to great *Antiochus*.

*Ant.* Before thee stands this faire *Hesperides*,  
With golden fruit, but dangerous to be toucht:  
For death like dragons here affright thee hard,  
Her face like heauen, intices thee to view  
Her countlesse glory, which desert must gaine;  
And which without desert because thine eye  
Presumes to reach, all the whole heape must die,  
Yon sometimes famous Princes like thy selfe,  
Drawne by report, aduenturous by desire,  
Tell thee with speechlesse tongues, and semblance pale,  
That without couering, saue yon field of flaires,  
Heere they stand martyrs, flaine in *Cupids* waies:  
And with dead cheekes aduise thee to desist,  
For going on deaths net, whom none resist.

*Per. Antiochus* I thanke thee, who hath taught  
My fraile mortality to know it selfe,  
And by those fearefull objects to prepare  
This body, like to them, to what I must:  
For death remembered, should be like a Myrrour  
Who tels vs, life's but breath, to trust it error:  
Ile make my will then, and as sicke men do,  
Who know the world, see heauen, but feeling woe,  
Gripe not at earthly ioyes, as erst they did;  
So I bequeath a happy peace to you,  
And all good men, as euery Prince should do.

*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

My riches to the earth from whence they came:

But my vn supposed fire of Loue to you,

Thus ready for the way of life or death,

I waite the sharpest blow [*Antiochus*]

Scorning aduice; read the conclusion then:

Which read and not expounded, tis decreed,

As these before, thou thy selfe shall bleed.

*Dangh.* Of all said yet, thou proue prosperous,

Of all said yet, I wish thee hapinesse.

*Per.* Like a bold Champion I assume the Lestes,

Nor aske aduice of any other thought,

But faithfullnesse and courage.

*The Riddle.*

*I am no Viper, yet I feede*

*On mothers flesh which did me breed:*

*I sought a husband in which labour,*

*I found that kindnesse in a father.*

*Hee's father, sonne, and husband milde,*

*I Mother, Wife, and yet his Child:*

*How they may be, and yet in two.*

*As you will line, resolve it you.*

Sharpe physicke is the last; but O you powers!

That giues heauen countles eyes to view mens acts,

Why cloud they not their sights perpetually,

If this be true, which makes mee pale to reade it,

Faire glasse of light, I lou'd you and could still,

Were not this glorious Casket stor'd with ill:

But I must tell you, now my thoughts reuolt,

For hee's no man on whom perfections wait

That knowing sinne within, will touch the gate:

You are a faire Vyell, and your sence the strings,

Who fingerd to make man his lawfull musick,

Would draw heauen downe, and all the Gods to hearken,

But being plaid vpon before your time,

Hell onely daunceth at so harsh a chime:

Good

*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

Good sooth, I care not for you.

*Ant.* Prince Pericles, touch not vpon thy life,  
For that's an article within our Law,  
As dangerous as the rest your times expirde  
Either expound now, or receiue your sentence.

*Peri.* Great King,  
Few loue to heare the sinnes they loue to acte,  
T, would braid your selfe too meane for me to tell it:  
Who hath a booke of all that Monarchs do,  
Hee's more secure to keepe it shut, then shewne:  
For vice repeated, is like the wandring winde,  
Blowes dust in others eies, to spread it selfe;  
And yet the end of all is bought thus deare,  
The breath is gone, and the fore eies see cleare.  
To stop the aire would hurt them the blinde Mole cast  
Copt hils toward heauen, to tell the earth is throng'd  
By mans oppression, and the poore worme doth die for't  
Kings are earths Gods: in vice their law's their will,  
And if Ioue stay, who dares say, Ioue doth ill.  
It is enough you know, and it is fir;  
What being more knowne, growes worse to smother it.  
All loue the wombe that their being bred,  
Then giue my tongue like leaue to loue my head.

*Ant.* Heauen that I had it; he has found the meaning,  
But I will gloze with him. Young Prince of Tyre,  
Though by the tenour of your strict edict,  
Your exposition mis- interpreting,  
We might proceed to counsel of your daies;  
Yet hope, succeeding from so faire a tree,  
As your faire selfe, doth tune vs otherwise:  
Forty daies longer we do respite you,  
If by which time our secret be vndone,  
This mercy shewes wee' loy in such a sonne:  
And vntill then, your entertaine shall be  
As doth befit our honour, and your worth.

*Exit.*

*Manet Pericles solus.*  
*Per.* How contrerie would seeme to couer sinne,

When

When what is done is like an hypocrite,  
The which is good in nothing but in sight,  
If it be true that I interpret false,  
Then were it certaine you were not so bad,  
As with foule Incest to abuse your soule:  
Where now you both a father and a sonne,  
By your vntimely claspsings with your childe,  
(Which pleasure sits an husband, not a father),  
And she an eater of her mothers flesh,  
By the defiling of her parents bed,  
And both like serpents are, who though they feed  
On sweetest flowers, yet they poyson breed  
*Antioch* farewell, for wisdom sees those men  
Blush not in actions blacker then the night,  
Will shew no course to keepethem from the light:  
One sinne [I know] another doth prouoke:  
Murders as nere to lust, as flame to smoake:  
Poyson and treason are the hands of sinne,  
I, and the Targets to put off the shame,  
Then least my life be cropt to keepe you cleare,  
By flight Ile shun the danger which I feare.  
*Exit.*

*Enter Antiochus.*

*Anti.* He hath found the meaning,  
For which we meane to haue his head,  
He must not liue to trumpet for h my infamy,  
Nor tell the world, *Antioch* doth sinne  
In such a loathed maner;  
And therefore instantly this Prince must die,  
For by his fall, my honour must keepe hic,  
Who attends vs there?

*Enter Thaliard.*

*Thal.* Doth your highnesse call?

*Anti.* *Thaliard* you are of our Chamber,  
And our minde pertakes her private actions  
To your secrecie; and for your faithfullnesse  
We will aduance you *Thaliard*;

*Behold,*

*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

Behold, heer's peyson and heer's gold,  
We hate the Prince of Tyre, and thou must kill him,  
It fits thee not to aske the reason why?  
Because we bid it: say is it done?

*Thal.* My Lord, tis done.

*Enter a Messenger.*

*Ant.* Enough. Let your breath coole your selfe, telling your  
haste.

*Mess.* My Lord Prince *Pericles* is fled.

*Ant.* As thou wilt line flye after, and like an arrow shot from  
a well experient Archer hits the marke his eye doth leuell it: so  
do thou neuer retorne, unlesse thou say, Prince *Pericles* is dead.

*Thal.* My Lord, if I can get him within my pistols length, Ile  
make him sure enough: so farewell to your highnesse.

*Ant.* *Thalinda* adieu, till *Pericles* be dead,  
My heart can lend no succour to my head.

*Exit.*

*Enter Pericles with his Lords.*

*Per.* Let none disturb vs:

Why should this change of thoughts,  
The sad companion dull-eyde melancholy,  
By me so used, a guest as not an houre,  
In the dayes glorious walke or peacefull night,  
The toombe where griefe should sleepe, can breed me quiet,  
Here pleasures court mine eyes, and mine eyes shun them,  
And danger which I feard, is at *Antioch*,  
Whose arme seemes farre too short to hit me here,  
Yet neuer pleasures art can ioy my spirits,  
Nor yet the other distance comfort me:  
Then it is thus, that passions of the minde,  
That hane their first conception by misdread,  
Haue after nourishment and life by care;  
And what was first but feare, what might be done,  
Growes elder now, and cares it be not done,  
And so with me; the grear *Antiochus*,  
Gainst whom I am to little to contend,

*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

Since hee's so great, can make his will his acte,  
Will thinke me speaking, though I sware to silence,  
Nor bootes it mee to say I honour,  
If he suspect I may dishonour him.

And what may make him bluth in being knowney

With hostile forces hee'l ore spread the land,

And with the flint of warre will looke so huge,

Amazement shall drine courage from the state;

Our men bee vanquish't, ere they do resist,

And subiects punish't that neuer thought offence,

Which care of them, not pity of my selfe,

Who once no more but as the toppes of trees,

Which fence the rootes they grow by, and defend them,

Make both my body pine, and my soule languish,

And punish that before that, he would punish.

1. Lord. Joy and all comfort in your sacred breast.

2. Lord. And keepe your minde till ye returne to vs.  
peacefull and comfortable.

*Hell.* Peace, peace, and giue experience tongue:

They do abuse the King that flatter him,

For flattery is the Bellows blowes vp sin,

The thing the which is flattered but a sparke,

To which that sparke giues heart and strouger growing,

Whereas reproofe obedient and in order,

Fits Kings as they are men, for they may erre,

When Signior sooth here doth proclaime peace,

He flatters you, and makes warre vpon your life.

Prince pardon me, or strike me if you please.

I cannot be much lower then my knees.

*Per.* All leaue vs else: but let your cares ore-look

What shipping and what liding in our Haven,

And then returne to vs: *Helleanus* thou hast

Mou'd vs: what seest thou in our looks?

*Hell.* An angry brow dread Lord.

*Per.* If there be such a dart in Princes frownes,

How quist thy tongue moue anger to our face?

*Hell.*

*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

*Hell.* How dares the planets looke vp to heauen,  
From whence they haue their nourishment?

*Per.* Thou knowest I haue power to take thy life from thee.

*Hell.* I haue ground the axe my selfe,  
Do you but strike the blow.

*Per.* Rise, prei hee rise, sit downe, thou art no flatterer,  
I thanke thee for it, and heauen forbid,  
That Kings should let their eates heare their faults hid  
Fit Councellor and seruant for a Prince,  
who by thy wisdom makes a Prince thy seruant,  
what wouldst thou haue me do?

*Hell.* To beare with patience such griefes,  
As your selfe do lay vpon your selfe,

*Per.* Thou speakest like a Physition, *Hellionus*

That ministers a portion vnto me,  
That thou wouldst tremble to receiue the selfe.

Attend me then; I went to *Antioch*,  
whereas thou knowst (against the face of death)

I sought the purchase of a glorious beauty,

From whence an issue I might propagate,

Are armes to Princes, and bring ioyes to Subjects:

Her face was to mine eye beyond all wonder,

The rest (harke in thine eare) as blacke as incest,

Which by my knowledge found, the sinfull father,

Seem'd not to strike, but smoothe: But thou knowst this,

Tis time to feare, when tyrants seeme to kisse,

which feare so grew in me I hither fled

Vnder the houering of a careful night,

Who seem'd my good Protector: and being here,

Bethought what was past, what might succeed;

I knew him tyrannous, and tyrants feare

Decrease not, but grow faster then the yeares:

And should he thinke, as no doubt he doth,

That I should open to the listening ayre,

How many worthy Princes blood were shed,

To keepe his bed of blackesse vnlaide,

To lop that doubt, hee'l fill this Land with armes,



*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

And make pretence of wrong that I haue done him,  
When all for mine, if I may call offence,  
Must feele warres blow, who feares not insoe eate:  
Which loue to all, of which thy selfe art one,  
Who now reprocud't me for it.

*Hell.* Alasse sir.

*Per.* Drow sleepe out of mine eyes, blood from my cheekes,  
Musing in my minde, with thousand doubt  
How I might stope there tempest ere it came,  
And finding little comfort to relieue them,  
I thought it princely charity to grieue them!

*Hell.* Well my Lord, since you haue giuen me leaue to speake  
Freely will I speake, *Antiochus* you feare,  
And iustly too I thinke you feare the tyrant,  
Who eynier by publike warre, or priuate reason,  
Will take away your life: therefore my Lord, goe trauell for a  
while, till that his rage and anger be forgot, or till the Destinies  
do cut his thred of life: your Rule direct to any, if vnto me, day  
serue not light more faithfull then Ile be.

*Per.* I do not doubt thy faith,  
But should he wrong my liberties in my absence?

*Hell.* Wee'l mingle our blouds together in the earth,  
From whence wee had our being, and our birth.

*Per.* *Tyre*, I now looke from thee then, and to *Tharsus*  
Intend my traualle, where Ile heare from thee;  
And by whose Letters Ile dispose my selfe;  
The care I had and haue of Subiects good,  
On thee I lay, whose wisdomes strength can beare it,  
Ile take thy word for faith nor aske thine oath,  
who shuns not to breake one, will cracke both.  
But in our orbes we liue for on d and last,  
That time of both this truth shall nere conuinke,  
Thou shewest a subiects shine, I a true prince.

*Exit.*

*Enter Thaliard folus..*

*Thal.* So, this is *Tyre*, and this is the Court, heere must I kill  
King *Pericles*, and if I do it not, I am sure to be hanged at home:

*it*

*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

it is dangerous.

Well, I perceiue he was a wise fellow, and had good discretion, that being bid to aske what hee would of the King, desired hee might know none of his secrets. Now do I see hee had some reason for it: for if a King bid a man bee a villaine, hee is bound by the indenture of his oath to be one.

Hush! heere comes the Lords of Tyre.

*Enter Helicetus, Eseques, with other  
Lords of Tyre.*

*Hell.* You shall not need, my fellow-Princes of Tyre, further to question me of your Kings departure: his sealed Commission left in trust with me, doth speake sufficiently, hee's gone to trauell.

*Thal.* How? the King gone?

*Hell.* If further yet you will bee satisfied, (why as it were vnliscenc'd of your loues) he would depart? He giue some light vnto you: Being at *Antioch*.

*Thal.* What from *Antioch*,

*Hell.* Royall *Antioch* (on what cause I know not) tooke some displeasure at him, at least he iudged so: and doubting that hee had erred or sinned, to shew his sorrow, hee would correct himselfe; so putts himselfe vnto the ship-mans toyle, with whom each minute threatens life or death.

*Thal.* Well I perceiue I shall not bee hang'd now, although I would, but since hee's gone, the Kings Seas must please: hee scape the Land, to perish at the Sea: He present my selfe, Peace to the Lords of Tyre.

*Hell.* Lord *Thaliard* from *Antioch* is welcome.

*Thal.* From him I come with message vnto Princely *Pericles*; but since my landing I haue vnderstood, your Lord hath be-tooke himselfe to vnkowne traualles, my message must returne from whence it came.

*Hell.* We haue no reason to desire it, committed to our Master, not to vs; yet ere you shall depart, this we desire as friends to *Antioch*, we may left in Tyre.

*Exunt.*

*Enter*

*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

*Enter Cleon the Governor of Tharsus, with his wife and others.*

*Cleon.* My *Dionissa*, shall we rest vs here,  
And by relating tales of others griefes,  
See if I will teach vs to forget our owne;

*Dion.* That were to blow at fire in hope to quench it,  
For who digs hills because they do aspire,  
Throwes downe one Mountaine to cast vp a higher:  
O my distressed Lord, euen such our griefes are,  
Here they are but felt, and scene with mischiefes eyes,  
But like to Groues being toppt, they higher rise.

*Cleon.* O *Dionissa*,  
Who wanteth food, and will not say he wants it,  
Or can conceale his hunger till he famish?  
Our tongues and sorrowes do sound deepe:  
Our woes into the ayre, our eyes to wepe,  
Till tongues fetch breath that may proclaime  
Them louder, that if heauen slumber, while  
Their creatures want, they may awake  
Their helpers to comfort them.

Ie then discouise our woes felt generall yeares,  
And wanting breath to speake, helpe me with teares,

*Dion.* Ile do my best Sir.

*Cleon.* This *Tharsus*, ore which I haue the gouernment,  
A Citty, on whom plenty heid full hand:  
For riches strewd her selue euen in the streetes,  
Whose towers bore heads so high, they kist the clouds,  
And strangers nere beheld, but wondred at,  
Whose men and dames so iettred and adorn'd,  
Like one anothers glasse to trim them by:  
There tables were stor'd full, to glad the sight,  
And not so meelt to feede on as delight,  
All pouerty was scornd, and pride so great,  
The name of helpe grew odious to repeat.

*Dion.* Ontis true.

*Cleon.* But see what heauen can do by this our change:

These

*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

These mouthes, who but of late, earth, sea, and ayre;  
Weare all too little to content and please,  
Although they gaue their creatures in abundance:  
As houses are d. filed for want of vse.  
They are now staru'd for want of exercise;  
Those pallats, who not yet to sauers yonger,  
Must haue inuentions to delight the taste,  
Would now be glad of bred, and beg for it:  
These mothers, who to nouzell vp their babes,  
Thought nought too curious, are reddey now  
To eate those little darlings whom they loued,  
So sharpe are hungers teeth, that man and wife,  
Draw lors who first shall dye to lengthen life.  
Here stands a Lord, and there a Lady weeping,  
Heere many sike, yet those that see them fall,  
Haue scarce strength to giue them burill.  
Is not this true?

*Dion.* Our cheekes and hollow eyes do witnesse it.

*Cleon.* O let those Cities that of plenties cup.  
And her prosperities so largely taste,  
With their superfluous ryots heare these teates,  
The misery of *Tharsus* may be theirs.

*Enter a Lord.*

*Lord.* Wher's the Lord Gouvernor?

*Cleon.* Here, speake out thy sorrowes, which thou bring'st in  
haste, for comfort is to sarre for vs to expect.

*Lord.* We haue descried vpon our neighbouring shore,  
A portly sayle of ships make hither ward.

*Cleon.* I thought as much.

One sorrow neuer comes but brings an heyre,  
That may succeed as his inheritor:  
And so in ours: some neighbouring Nation,  
Taking aduantage of our misery,  
That flust the holle vessels with there power,  
To beare vs downe the which are downe already,  
And make a conquest of vnhappy me,  
Whereas no glory is got to ouercome.

*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

*Lord.* That's the least feare.

For by the semblance of their white flags dispaired, they bring vs  
Peace, and cometo vs as fauourous, not as foes.

*Cleon.* Thou speak'st like hymnes vntill'd to repeat  
Who makes the fairest shew, means most deceit.

But bring they what they will and what they can,

What need we feare, the ground's the law of,

And we are halfe way thence: Goe tell their Generall wee attend  
him heere to know for what he comes and whence he comes, &  
what he craues.

*Lord.* I goe my Lord.

*Cleon.* Welcome is peace, if he on peace consist;  
If warres we are vnable to resist.

*Enter Pericles with attendants.*

*Per.* Lord Gouernor for so we heare you are,  
Let not our ships and number of our men,  
Be like a Beacon fired, to amaze your eyes,  
We haue heard your miseries as farre as Tyre.  
And scene the desolation of your streets,  
Nor come we to adde sorrow to your teares,  
But to release them of their heavy load,  
And these our ships you happily may thinke,  
Are like the Trojan horse, was stur'd within  
With bloody veines expecting ouerthrow,  
Are stor'd with corne, to make your needy bread,  
And giue them life, whom hunger staru'd halfe dead.

*Omnes.* The Gods of Greece protect you,  
And wee'l pray for you.

*Per.* Arise I pray you, arise; wee doe not looke for reuerence,  
but for loue and barborage for our selfe, our ships, and men.

*Cleon.* The which when any shall not gratifie.  
Or pay you with vathankfulnesse in thought,  
Be it our wiues, our children, or our selues,  
The curse of heauen and men succeed their euils:  
Till when, the which (I hope) shall nere be scene:  
Your Grace is welcome to our Towne and vs.

*Per.*

*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

*Per.* Which welcome wee'l accept, feast here a while,  
Vntill our Stars that frowne, lend vs a smile. *Exeunt*

*Enter Gower.*

*Gower.* Here have you seene a mighty King,  
His child I wis to incestue bring:  
A better Prince and benigne Lord,  
That will proue a full both in deed and word.  
Be quiet then, as men should be,  
Till he hath past necessity:  
He shew you those in troubles raiged,  
Losing a myte, a Mountaine gaine:  
The good in conuersation,  
To whom I giue my benizon,  
Is still at Tharsus, where each man  
Thinks all is writ he spoken can:  
And to remember what he does,  
Build his Statue to make him glorious  
But tydings to the contrary,  
Are brought to your eyes, what need I speake

*Dumbe Shew,*

*Enter at one doore Pericles talking with Cleon, all the Tyaine with  
them Enter at another doore, a Gentleman with a letter to Peri-  
cles; Pericles shewes the letter to Cleon; Pericles giues the Mes-  
senger a reward; and Knight him; and bownd to giue him*

*Exit Pericles at one doore Cleon at another.*

Good *Hellian* that staid at home.  
Not to eate hony like a Drone,  
From others labours; for though he strue  
To killen bad keepe good aliu:  
And to fulfill his princes desire,  
Sau'd one of all that haps in Tyre:  
How *Thaliard* came full bent with sinne,  
And had intent to murder him;  
And this in *Tharsus* was no best,  
Longer for him to make his rest:

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*Pericles Prince of yre.*

He doing so, put forth to Seas,  
Where when men bin, there's sildome ease,  
For now the winde begins to blow,  
Thunder aboue, and deepes below,  
Makes such vnquiet, that the ship  
Should house him safe, is wrackt and split,  
And he (good Prince) hauing all lost,  
By waues, from coast is tost:  
All perishen of man of pelfe,  
Ne ought escapen'd but him'selfe;  
Till fortune tried with doing bad,  
Threw him a shore to giue him glad:  
And heere he comes; what shall be next.  
Pardon old *Gower*, this long's the Text.

*Enter Pericles wept.*

*Per.* Yet cease your ire, your angry Stars of heauen  
Winde, Raine, and Thunder: Remember earthly man  
Is but a substance that must yeeld to you:  
And I (as fits my nature) to obey you.  
Alasse, the Seas hath cast me on the Rocks.  
Washt me from shore to shore, and left my breath  
Nothing to thinke on, but ensuing death:  
Let it suffice the greatnesse of your powers,  
To haue bereft a prince of all his fortunes,  
And hauing throwne him from your warty graue,  
Here to haue death in peace, is all hee'l craue.

*Enter three fishermen,*

1. What, to pelch?
2. Ha, come and bring away the Nets.
1. What patch-breech, I say.
3. What say you Master?
1. Looke how thou stirrest now.  
Come away or Ile fetch thee with a wannion.
3. Faith Master, I am thinking of the poore men  
That were cast away before vs, euen now.

1. Alasse



*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

1. Alasse poore soules, it greued my heart to heare  
What pittifull cries they made to vs, to helpe them,  
When (welladay) we could scarcely helpe our selues.

3. Nay Master, said not I as much,  
When I saw the Porpas, how he bounst and tumbled?  
They say, they are halfe fish, halfe flesh:  
a plague on them, they nere come but I looke to be wast  
Master, I Maruell how the fishes liue in the Sea?

1. Why as men do a Land,  
The great ones eat vp the little ones:  
I can compare our rich Misers, to nothing so fitly  
As to a Whale; he plaies and tumbles,  
Driuing the poore Fry before him,  
And at last deuoure them all at a mouthfull.  
Such whales haue I heard on a'th land,  
who neuer leaue gaping, till they swallowed  
The whole Parish, Church, Steeple, Bels and all.

*Per.* A pretty Morall.

3. But Master, if I had beene the Sexton,  
I would haue bene that day in the Belfrey.

2. Why man?

3. Because he should haue swallowed me too,  
And when I had beene in his belly,  
I would haue kept such a iangling of the bels,  
That he would neuer haue left,  
Till he cast Bels, Steeple, Church and Parish vp againe:  
But if the good King *Simonides* were of my minde,

*Per.* *Simonides*?

3. We would purge the land of these drones,  
That rob the Bce of her hony.

*Per.* How from the fenny subiect of the sea,  
These fishers tell the infirmities of men,  
And from there warry Empire recollect,  
All that may men approue, or men detect,  
Peace be at your labour, honest fishermen.

2. Honest, good fellow, what's that, if it be a day fits you,  
Search out of the Kalender, and no body looke after it?

*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

*Per.* May see the sea hath cast vpon your coast.

2. What a drunken knave was the sea.  
To cast thee in our way.

*Per.* A man whom both the waters and the winde.  
In that vaſte tennis-Court, hath made the Ball  
For them to play vpon, intreats you pittie him.  
He askes of you, that neuer vsde to beg.

1. No friend, cannot you beg?  
Heer's them in our Country of *Greece*.

Gets more with begging then we can do with working.

2. Canst thou catch any Fishes then?

*Per.* I neuer preſſiz'd it.

2. Nay then thou wilt starue ſure; for heere's nothing  
to be got now adaires volesſe; thou canst fiſh for't.

*Per.* What I haue bene, I haue forgot to know;  
But what I am, want teaches me to thinke on.  
A man throngd vp wi h cold, my veines are chill,  
And haue no more of life then may ſuffice  
To giue my tongue that heare to aſke your helpe.  
Which if you ſhall reſuſe when I am dead,  
For that I am a man, pray ſee me buried.

1. Dic ke- tha, now gods forbid, I haue a gowne heere, come  
put it on, keepe thee warme: now a fore me a handſome fellow:  
Come, thou ſhalt goe home, and wee'l haue fleſh for all day, fiſh  
for faſting dayes and more; or Puddings and Flap-iacks, and  
thou ſhalt be welcome.

*Per.* I thanke you ſir.

2. Harke you my friend, You ſaid you could not beg.

*Per.* I did but craue.

2. Bur craue? then Ile turue crauer too,  
And ſo I ſhall ſcape whipping.

*Per.* why, are all your beggers whipt then?

2. Oh not all, my friend, not all: for if all your beggers were  
whipt I would wiſh no better office, then to be Beadle. But Ma-  
ſter Ile go draw the net.

*Per.* How well this honeſt mirth becomes their labour?

1. Heatke you ſir, do you know where ye are?

*Pro.*

*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

*Per.* Not well.

1. I tell you, this is called *Pantapoles*.  
And our King, the good *Symonides*.

*Per.* The good King *Symonides*, do you call him?

1. I fir, and he deserves so to be call'd,  
For his peaceable raigne, and good government.

*Per.* He is a happy King, since he gaires from  
His Subiects, the name of good, by his gouernment.  
How farre is his Court distant from this shore?

1. Marry fir, halfe a daies Iourney: and Ile tell you, hee hath a  
faire daughter, and to-morrow is her birth-day, and there are  
Princes and Knights come from all parts of the world, to Iust &  
Tunney for her loue.

*Per.* Were my fortunes equall to my desires,  
I could wish to make one there.

1. O fir, things must be as they may: and what a man  
cannot get, he may lawfully deale for his wiues soule.

*Enter the two Fisher-men drawing up a Net.*

2. Helpe, Master, helpe, heere's fish hangs in the Net, like a  
poore mans right in the law, twill hardly come out. Ha boys.  
on't, tis come at last, and tis turn'd to a rusty Armour.

*Per.* An Armour, friends, I pray you let me see it:  
Thankes Fortnne, yet that after all crosses,  
Thou giuest me some what to repaire my selfe:  
And though it was mine owne, part of my heritage  
Which my dead father did bequeathe me,  
With this strict charge, euen as he left his life:  
Keepe it, my *Pericles*, it hath beenc a shield  
Twixt me and death; and pointed to this Prayse:  
For that it saued me, keepe it in like necessity:  
The Which the gods protect thee, Fame may defend thee.  
It kept Where I kept, I so dearely loued it.  
Till the rough Seas (that spares not any man)  
Tooke it in rage, though cal'd hath giuen't againe:  
I thanke thee for't, my shipwrack now's no ill,  
Since I hane here my fathers gift in's will.

*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

what meane you sir,

*Per.* To beg of you (kinde friends) this coate of worth  
For it was sometime Target to a King,  
I know it by this marke: he loued me dearly:  
And for his sake I wish the hauing of it:  
And that you'd guide me to your Soueraigns Court,  
Where with it I may appeare a Gentleman;  
And if that euer my low fortune's better  
Ile pay your bounties; till then rest your debtor.

1. Why wilt thou turney for the Lady?

*Per.* Ile shew the vertue I haue borne in Armes,

1. why take it and the gods giue thee good an't.

2. But hearken you my friend, 't was me that made vp this garment through the rough seames of the waters; there are certaine condolements, certaine vailes; I hope sir, if you thinke, you'll remember from whence you had them.

*Per.* Belieue it I will:

By your furtherapce I am cloathd in Steele,  
And spight of all the rapture of the sea,  
This Jewell holds his building on my arme:  
Vnto thy value I will mount my selfe.  
Vpon a Courser, whose delight steps,  
Shall make the gazer ioy to see him tread;  
Onely (my friend) I yet am vnprouided of a payre of Bases.

2. Wee'l sure provide, thou shalt haue  
My best gowne to make thee a paire;  
And Ile bring thee to the Court my selfe.

*Per.* Then honour be but a Geale to my wil,  
this day Ile rise, or else adde ill, to ill.

*Enter Simonides with attendants and Thaisa.*

*King.* Are the Knights ready to begin the Triumph?

1. *Lord.* They are my Liege, and stay your comming  
To present themselues.

*King.* Returne them, we are ready, and our daughter heere.  
In honour of whose birth, these triumphs are,  
Sits here like beauties children whom Nature gat

For

For men to see, and seeing wonder at.

*Thal.* It pleaseth you (my royall father) to expresse  
My commendations great, whose merites lesse

*King.* It's fit it should be so; for Princes are

A modell which heauen makes like it selfe,

As Jewels lost their glory if neglected,

So Princes there renowned, if not Respected

Tis now your honour (Daughter) to entertaine

The labour of each Knight in his deuise.

*Thal.* Which to preferue mine honour, Ile performe.

*The first Knight passes by.*

*King.* Who is the first, that doth preferre himselfe?

*Thal.* A Knight of *Sparta* (my renowned father)

And the deuise he beares vpon his shield,

Is a blacke Ethyope reaching at the Sunne;

The word; *Lux tua vita mihi.*

*King.* He loues you well, that holds his life of you.

*The second Knight.*

Who is the second, that presents himselfe?

*Thal.* A prince of *Macedon* (my royall Father)

And the deuise he beares vpon his Shield,

Is an armed Knight, that's conquered by a Lady.

The Motto thus in Spanish. *Pae Per dolera Kee per forsa*

*The third Knight.*

*King.* And what's the third?

*Thal.* The third of *Antioch*; and his deuise,

A wreath of Chialtry: the word, *Me Pompey promexis apex.*

*The fourth Knight.*

*King.* What is the fourth?

*Thal.* A burning Torch that's turned vpside downe;

The word; *Qui me alit me extinguit.*

*King.* Which shewes that beauty hath his power and will,

Which can as well enflame, as it can kill.

*The fifth Knight.*

*Thal.* The fist, an hand enuironed with clouds,

Holding out gold, that's by the touch-stone tride:

The

The Motto thus: *Sic spectavit filius.*

*The first Knight.*

*King.* And what's the first and last, he which the Knight brings  
selfe with such a graceful countenance delivered?

*Thai.* He seemes to be a stranger, but his Present is  
A withered Branch, that's only green at top.

The Motto, *In hac spem.*

*King.* A pretty merrall; from the dejected state where in he is  
he hopes by you his fortunes yet may flourish.

1. *Lord.* He had need meaner heart than his outward shew can  
any way speake in his iust commend; For by his rustie out-side,  
hee appears to haue practised more the Whipstocke, then the  
Lance.

2. *Lord.* He well may be a stranger, for he comes to an honourd  
triumph strangely furnished.

3. *Lord.* And on set purpose let his armour rust  
Vntill this day, to scowre it in the dust.

*King.* Opinion's but a foole, that makes vs scan  
The out ward habite, by the inward man.

But stay, the Knights are coming;  
We will with-draw into the Gallery.

*Great shoutes, and all cry. The wear Knights.*

*Enter the King and Knights from taking.*

*King.* Knights, to say you'r welcome were superfluous,  
I place vpon the volume of your deedes  
As in a Title page, your worth in armes  
Were more then you expect, or more then's fit,  
Since euery worth in shew commends it selfe:

Prepare for mirth, for mirth comes at a feast;  
You are princes and my guests,

*Thai.* But you my Knight and guest,  
To whom this wreath of victory I giue,  
And Crowne you King of this dayes happinesse.

*Per.* 'Tis more by fortune (Lady) then by merit.

*King.* Call it by what you will, the day is yours,  
And heere, I hope, is none that enuies it:

In

*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

In framing an Artist, Art hath thus decreed,  
To make some good, but others to exceed,  
And you her laboured scholler: come Queene of th' feast,  
For (daughter so you are, here take your place:  
Martiall the rest, as they deserue his grace.

*Knight.* Wee are honoured much by good *Simonides*.

*King.* Your, present glads our dayes honour weloue,  
For who hates honour hates the God above.

*Marsh.* Sir yonder is your place.

*Per.* Some other is more fit.

*1. Knight.* Contend not sir for we are gentlemen,  
That neither in our hearts nor outward eyes  
Enuy the great, or doe the low despise.  
You are right curteous Knights.

*King.* Sir, sit, sit,

By *Ioue* (I wonder) that is King of thoughts,  
These Cates resist me, he not thought vpon.

*That.* By *Inno* (that is Queene of Mariage)  
All Viands that I eate do seeme vnsauory,  
Wishing him my me: sure hee's a gallant gentleman,

*King.* Hee's but a country gentleman, has done no more  
Then other Knights haue done, has broke a staffe,  
Or so; let it passe.

*That.* To me he seemed a Diamond to glasse.

*Per.* You King to me, like to my fathers picture,  
Which tels me in that glory once he was,  
And Princes sat like stars about his Throne,  
And he the Sun, for them to reuerence;  
None that beheld him but like lesser lights,  
Did vaile their Crownes to his supremacy;  
Where now his soone like a Glo-worme in the night,  
The which hath fire in darknesse none in light:  
Whereby I see that time's the King of men,  
For hee's their parents and he is their graue,  
And giues them what he will not what they craue.

*King.* what are you merry, Knights?

*Knights.* Who can be other in this royall presence?



*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

*King.* Heere with a cup that's flurd vnto the brim,  
As you do loue, fill to your Mistris lips,  
We drinke his health to you.

*Knight.* We thanke your grace.

*King.* Yet pause a while; yon Knight sits too melancholy,  
As if the entertainment in our Court,  
Had not a shew might counteruaile his worth:  
Note it not you *Thaisa*?

*Thai.* What is't to me my father?

*King.* O, attend my daughter,  
Princes in this should liue like Gods aboue,  
Who freely giues to euery one that come to honour them:  
And Princes not doing so, are like to Gnats,  
Which make a sound, but kild, are wondred at:  
Therefore to make his enterance more sweet,  
Heere, say we drinke this standing boule of win to him.

*Thai.* Alasse my father, it befits not me,  
Vnto a stranger Knight to bee so bold,  
He may my proffer take for an offence,  
Since men take womens guifts for impudence.

*King.* How? do as I bid you or you'l moue me else.

*Thai.* Now by the Gods, he could not please me better.

*King.* And furthermore tell him, we desire to know of him,  
Of whence he is, his name and parentage

*Thai.* The King my father (sir) hath drunke to you,

*Per.* I thanke him.

*Thai.* Wishing it so much blood vnto your life.

*Per.* I thanke both him and you, and plege him freely.

*Thai.* And further he desires to know of you,  
Of whence you are your name and Parentage.

*Per.* A gentleman of *Tyre*, my name *Pericles*,  
My education being in Artes and armies:  
Who looking for aduentures in the world,  
Was by the rough seas rest of ships and men,  
And after shipwracke, driuen vpon this shore,

*Thai.* He thanks your Grace; names himselfe *Pericles*,  
A gentleman of *Tyre*, who onely by misfortune of the seas,

Bereft

*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

Bereft of ships and men, caft on the shore.

*King.* Now by the Gods, I pittie his misfortune  
And will awake him from his melancholy.  
Come gentlemen, we fit to long on trifles,  
And wafte the time, which lookes for other reuels.  
Euen in your armours as you are addrest,  
Will well become a Souldiers dance :  
I will not haue excufe with faying that  
Lowd muficke is too harfh for Ladies heads,  
Since they loue men in Armes, as well as beds.

*They dance.*

So, this was well asked, 't was fo well performde,  
Come fir heerre's a Lady that wants breathing too :  
And I haue heard, you Knights of *Tyre*,  
Are excellent in making Ladies trip,  
And that their meafures are excellent.

*Per.* In thofe that praife them, they are (my Lord.)

*King.* Oh thats as much as you would be denyed  
Of your faire courtiefe : vnclafpe, vnclafpe.

*They dance.*

Thanks gentlemen to all ; all haue done well,  
But you the beft : Pages and Lights, to conduct  
Thefe Knights vnto their feuerall Lodgings :  
Yours fir, we haue giuen order be next our owne.

*Per.* I am at your Graces pleasure.

*King.* Princes, it is too late to talke of loue,  
And thats the marke I know you leuell at :  
Therefore each on betake him to his reft,  
To morrow, all for fpeeding do their beft.

*Enter Helianus and Efcanes.*

*Hel.* No *Efcanes*, know this of me,

*Antiochus* from inceft liued not free :

For which, the moft high Gods not minding  
Longer to with-hold the vengeance that  
They had in ftore, due to his haynous  
Capitall offence, enen in the height and pride

*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

Of all his glory, when he was leated in  
A Chariot of an inestimable value, and his daughter  
With him; a fire from heaven came and shrike'd  
Up those bodies euen to loathing, for they so stunk,  
That all those eyes addorn'd them, ere their fall,  
Scorne now their hand should giue them buriall.

*Escaner.* It was very strange.

*Hell.* And yet by iustice; for though this King were great,  
His greatness was to guard to barre heavens shaft.  
By sinne had his reward.

*Escaner.* Tis very true.

*Enter two or three Lords.*

1. *Lord.* See, not a man in priuie conference,  
Or counsell, hath respect with him but he.

2. *Lord.* It shall no longer greene without reproofe.

3. *Lord.* And curst be he that will not second it.

1. *Lord.* Follow me then: *Lord Helicanus*, a word.

*Hell.* With me? and welcome, happy day my Lords.

1. *Lord.* Know that our griefes are risen to the top,  
And now at length they ouer-flow their bankes.

*Hell.* Your griefes, for what?

Wrong not your Prince your loue.

1. *Lord.* Wrong not your selfe then noble *Helicanus*,

But if the Prince do liue, let vs salute him,

Or know what ground's made happy by his breath:

If in the world he liues wee'l seeke him out:

If in his graue he rest, wee'l find him there,

And be resolu'd he liues to gouerne vs:

Or dead, giues cause to mourne his funerall,

And leaue vs to our free Election.

2. *Lord.* Whose death indeed, the strongest in our censure,

And knowing this Kingdome is without a head,

Like goodly buildings left without a Roofe,

Soone fall to ruine: your noble selfe,

That best knowes how to rule and how to raigne,

10 We thus submit vnto our Soueraigne.

*Pericles Prince of Tyre*

*Omnes.* Live noble *Helican*;

*Hell.* Try honours cause, forbear your suffrages;

If that you loue Prince *Pericles*, forbear.

(Take I your wish, I leape into the seas.

Wher's hono<sup>r</sup>ably creable for a minutes ease)

A twelue month longer, let me ingrate you

To forbear the absence of your King;

If in which time expired, he not returne,

I shall with aged patience beare your yoke.

But if I cannot win you to this loue,

Goe search like Nobles, like noble Subjects,

And in such search, spend your aduenturous worth,

Whom if you find, and win vnto returne

You shall like Diamonds sit about his Crowne.

1. *Lord.* To wisdom, hee's a foole that will not yeeld,

And since Lord *Helican* enioyneth vs,

We with our trauels will endeavour.

*Hell.* Then you loue vs, we you, and wee'l claspe hands,

When Peeres thus knit a Kingdome euer stands.

*Exit.*

*Enter the King reading of a letter, as one doore,*

*and the Knights meete him.*

1. *Knight.* Good morrow to the good *Simonides*.

*King.* Knights, from my daughter this I let you know,

That for this twelue month, shee'l not vndertake

A married life: her reason to herselfe is onely knowne,

Which from her by no meanes can I get.

2. *Knight.* May we not get access to her (my Lord)

*King.* Sayth by no meanes, she hath so strictly

Tyed her to her chamber, that is impossible

One twelue Moones more shee'l weare *Dianas* livery:

This by the eye of *Cynthia* hath she vowed,

And on her Virgin honour will not breake.

3. *Knight.* Loth to bid farewell, we take our leaues.

*King.* So, they are well dispatche,

Now to my daughters Letter; she tels me heere,

Shee'l wed the stranger Knight.

*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

Or neuer more to view nor day nor light,  
Tis well Mistris, your choise agrees with mine,  
I like that well : nay how absolute shee's in it,  
Not minding whether I dislike or no.  
Well, I do commend her choyce, and will no longer  
Haue it be delayed : soft, heere he comes,  
I must dissemble it.

*Enter Pericles.*

*Per.* All fortune to the good *Simonides*,  
*King.* To you as much : Sir, I am beholding to you,  
For your sweet musicke this last night :  
I do protest my eares were neuer better fed  
With such delightfull pleasing harmony.

*Per.* It is your graces pleasure to commend,  
Nor my desert.

*King.* Sit, You are Musicks master.

*Per.* The worst of all her schollers (my good Lord)

*King.* Let me aske you one thing.

What do you thinke of my daughter, sir

*Per.* A most vertuous Princeesse,

*King.* And shee's faire too, is she not ?

*Per.* As a faire day in Summer : wondrous faire.

*King.* Sir my daughter thinkes very well of you,  
I so well that you must be her master,  
And she will be your Scholler ; therefore looke to it.

*Per.* I am vnworthy to be her schoolemaster.

*King.* She thinkes not so ; peruse this writing else.

*Per.* What's heere, a letter, that she loues the Knight of Tyre.  
Tis the Kings subtilty to haue my life :  
Oh seeke not to intrap me gracious Lord,  
A stranger and distressed gentleman,  
That neuer aime so high to loue your daughter,  
But bent all office to honour her.

*King.* Thou hast bewitcht my daughter,  
And thou art a villaine.

*Per.* By the Gods I haue not ; neuer did thought

*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

Of mine leuy offence; nor neuer did my actions  
Yet commence, a deed might gaine her loue,  
Or your displeasure.

*King.* Traitor, thou lyest.

*Per.* Traytor?

*King.* I traytor.

*Per.* Euen in his throate, vnlesse he be a King,  
That calls me traitor I returne the lye.

*King.* Now by the Gods I do applaud his courage.

*Per.* My actions are as noble as my thoughts,  
That neuer relisht of a base discent:

I came vnto your Court for honours cause,

And not to be a rebell to our state:

And he that otherwise accounts of me,

This sword shall prooue hee's honours enemy.

*King.* No? here comes my daughter, she can witnesse it.

*Enter Thaisa.*

*Per.* Then as you are as vertuous, as faire,  
Resolue your angry father, if my tongue  
Did ere solícite, or my hand subscribe  
To any sillable that made loue to you?

*Thai.* Why sir if you had who takes offence,  
At that would make me glad?

*King.* Yea mistress, are you so peremptory?

I am glad of it with all my heart,  
He tame you ile bring you in subiection.

*Aside.*

Will you not hauing my consent,

Bestow your loue and your affections,

Vpon a stranger? who for ought I know,

*Aside.*

May be (nor can I thinke the contrary)

As great in blood as I my selfe.

Therefore heare you mistress, eyther frame

Your will to mine; and you sir heare you,

Eyther be rul'd by me, or Ile make you——

Man and wife; nay, come your hands

And lips must seale it too: being ioynd,

*Ile*

*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

He thus your hopes destroy, and for further griefe,  
God giue you ioy; what are you both pleased?

*Thai.* Yes, if you loue me fir.

*Per.* Euen as my life or blood that fosters it.

*King.* What are you both agreed?

*Amb.* Yes if it please your maiesty.

*King.* It pleaseth me so well, that I will see you wedd  
And then with what hast you can, get you to bed.

*Enter Gower.*

Now y sleepe sate with the King,  
No din but shores about the house.

Made lowder by the or-se-blast,

Of his most pompous marriage feast:

The Cat with eyne of Burning coale,

Now couthes from the Mooses hole.

And Cricker sing at the queens mouth,

Are the blither for their drouth:

*Hymen* hath brought the Bride to bed;

Whereby the losse of mayden head;

A babe is moulded, by arten;

And time that is so briefly spent;

With your fine fancies quinsly each,

What's dumbe in shew, he plaine with speech.

*Dumbe Shew.*

*Enter Pericles & Simonides at on doore with attendants, a Messen-  
ger meetes them, knerles, & giues Pericles a letter, Pericles shewes  
it Simonides, the Lords kneels to him; then enter Tiburta with  
child, with Lychorida a Nurse; the King shewes her the letter she  
reioyces: she and Pericles take leave of her father, and departs.*

By many a dearne and painefull pearch  
Of *Pericles*, the carefull search,  
By the foure opposing *Crignes*,  
Which the World together ioynes,  
Is made with all due diligence,  
That horse and saile, and high expence,  
Can steed the quest at last from *Tyre*,

Fame



*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

Fame answering the most strange enquire,  
To'th Court of King *Symonides*,  
Are letters brought, the tenour these :  
*Antiochus* and his daughter's dead,  
The men of *Tyrrus*, on the head  
Of *Helicanus* would set on  
The crowne of *Tyre*, but he will none :  
The mutany, he there hastes to oppress,  
Sayes to them, if King *Pericles*  
Come not home in twice six Moones,  
He obedient to their doomes,  
Will take the Crowne: the sum of this  
Brought hither to *Pentapolis*,  
Irony shed the Regions round,  
And euery one with claps can sound,  
Our heyre apparant is a King:  
Who dreamt ? who thought of such a thing ?  
Brisse, he must hence depart to *Tyre*,  
His *Queene* with childe, makes her desire,  
Which who shall cross along to goe,  
Omit we all their dole and wee :  
*Lychorida* her Nurse free takes,  
And so to sea, then vessel shakes,  
On *Neptunes* billow, halfe the flood,  
Hath their Keele cut : but fortune mou'd  
Varies againe: the grieflee North  
Disgorges such a tempest forth,  
That as a Ducke for life that driues.  
So vp and downe the poore ship diues :  
The lady shriekes, and well-a-neere,  
Doth fall in traile with her feare:  
And what ensues in this selfe storme,  
Shall for it selfe, it selfe performe  
I will relate, action may  
Conueniently the rest conuay  
Which might not ? what by me is told;  
In your imagination hold :

**E** This

*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

This Stage, the Ship, vpon whose Decke,  
The seas tost *Pericles*, appears to speake.

*Exit Gower.*

*Enter Pericles on shipboard.*

*Per.* The God of this great vast, rebuke these surges  
Which wash both heauen and hell, and thou hast  
Vpon the Windes command, binde them in Brasse  
Hauing cald them from the deepe, O still  
Thy dearning dreadfull thunders, daily quench  
Thy nimble sulphurous flashes : O how *Lychorida*?  
How does my Queene? then storme venomously,  
Wilt thou speat all thy selfe? the Sea mans whistle  
Is a whisper in the eares of death,  
Vnheard *Lychorida*? *Ludima*, oh!  
Diuineſt patronesse, and my wife, gentle  
To those that cry by night, conuey thy Deity  
Aboard our dauncing Boat, may swift the pangs  
Of my Queenes trauailes. Now *Lychorida*.

*Enter Lychorida.*

*Lych.* Heere is nothing too young for such a place,  
Who if it had conceit, would die, as I am like to do:  
Take in your armes this peece of your dead Queene.

*Per.* How now *Lychorida*?

*Lych.* Patience good sir do not assist the storme,  
Heere's all that is left liuing of your Queene;  
A little Daughter, for the sake of it  
Be manly, and take comfort.

*Per.* O you Gods!

Why do you make vs loue your goodly gifts,  
And snatch them straight away?  
We heere below, recall not what we giue,  
And therein may vse honour with you.

*Lych.* Patience good sir, euen for this charge.

*Per.* Now milde may be thy life,  
For a more blusterous birth had neuer Babe:  
Quiet and gentle thy condition;  
For thou art the rudeliest welcome to this world,

That

*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

That euer was Princes childe : happy what follows,  
Thou hast as chiding a Natiuity,  
As Fire, Ayre, Water, Earth, and Heauen can make,  
To harold thee from the wornde :  
Euen at the first, thy losse is more then can  
Thy portage quite, with all thou canst finde heere :  
Now the good Gods throw their best eyes vpon it.

*Enter two Saylers.*

1. *Sayl.* what courage sir ? God saue you.

*Per.* Courage enough, I do not feare the flaw,  
It hath done to me the worst : yet for the loue  
Of this poore infant, this fresh new sea-farer,  
I would it would be quier.

1. *Sayl.* Slack the bolins there ; thou wilt not, wilt thou ?  
Blow and split thy selfe.

2. *Sayl.* But sea-roome, and the brine and clowdy billow  
kisse the Moone : I care not.

1. *Sayl.* Sir, your Queene must ouer board,  
The sea workes hie, the winde is lowd,  
And will not lye till the ship be cleared of the dead.

*Per.* That's your superstition.

1. Pardon vs sir ; this is a lye with vs at Sea it hath bin still ob-  
serued And we are strong in easterne, therefore briefly yeeld her.

*Per.* As you thinke meete, for she must ore board straight,  
Most wretched Queene.

*Lychor.* Heere she lies sir.

*Per.* A tirrible child-bed hast thou had (my deare)

No light, to fire, the vnfriendly Elements

Forgot thee vterly nor haue I time

To bring thee hallowd to thy graue, but straight

Must cast thee scarsely coffind in oare,

Where for a Monument vpon thy bones,

The ayre remaining lampes, the belching Whale,

And humming water most ore-whelme thy corps

Lying with simple shels : O *Lychorida*,

Bid *Nestor* bring me Spices, Incke and Paper,

My Casket and my Jewels, and bin *Nicander*

E. D. 2

Bring

*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

Bring me the Satin Coffin; lay the Babe  
Vpon the Pillow; hie thee, whiles I lye  
A priestly farewell to her: sodainely, woman.

2. Sir, we haue a Chest beneath the hatches,  
Caulkt and buttumed ready.

*Per.* I thanke thee: Meriner say what coast is this?

2. We are nere *Tharsus*.

*Per.* Thithar gentle Marriner,

Alter thy course for *Tyre*, when canst thou reach it?

2. By breake of day, if the winde cease.

*Per.* O make for *Thrsus*,

There will I visite *Cleon*, for the Babe

Cannot hold out to *Tyrus*; there Ile leaue it

At carefull nursing: goe the wayes good Mariner,

Ile bring the body presently.

*Exit.*

*Enter Lord Cerymon with a seruant,*

*Cer.* *Philemon*, hoe.

*Enter Philemon.*

*Phyl.* Doth my Lord call?

*Cer.* Get fire and meate for these poore men,  
It hath beene a turbulet and stormy night,

*Ser.* I haue beene in many; but such a night as this,  
Till now I nere indured.

*Cer.* Your Master will be dead ere you returne,  
Ther's nothing can be ministred to nature,  
That can recouer him: giue this to the Potheccary,  
And tell me how it workes.

*Enter two Gentlemen.*

1. *Gent.* Good morrow.

2. *Gent.* Good morrow to your Lordship,

*Cer.* Gentlemen, why do you stirre so early?

1. *Gent.* Sir, our lodgings standing bleake vpon the sea  
Shooke as if the earth did quake:

The very principles did seeme to rend and all to topple,  
Peur surprize and feare, made me to leaue the house,

2. *Gent.*

*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

*2. Gent.* That is the cause wee trouble you so early.  
Tis not our husbandry.

*Cer.* O you say well.

*1. Gent.* But I much maruaile that your Lordship  
Hauing rich attire about you, should at these early houres  
Shake off the golden slumber of repose: tis most strange  
Nature should be so couerfant with paine,  
Being thereto not compelled.

*Cer.* I hold it euer Vertue and Cünning.  
Were endwomens greater, then Noblenesse and Riches,  
Carelesse heyses may the two latter darken and expens; ;  
But immortality attends the former,  
Making a man a God:  
Tis knowne, I euer studied Physicke,  
Through which secret Art, by turning ore Authority,  
I haue together with my practise, made familiar  
To me and to my aide, the best infusions that dwels  
In Vegitiues, in Mettals, Stones: and can speake of the  
Disturbances that Nature works, and of her cures;  
Which doth diue me a more content in course of true delight  
Then to be thirsty after tottering Honour,  
Or tye my pleasure vp in silken Bags,  
To please the Foole and Death.

*2. Gent.* Your honour hath through *Ephesus*,  
poured forth your charity, and hudreds call themselves  
Your Creatures; who by you hane beene restored,  
And not your knowledge, your personall paine,  
But euen your purse still open, hath built Lord *Cerimon*  
Such strong renowne, as neuer shall decay.

*Enter two or three with a Chest.*

*Ser.* So, list there.

*Cer.* What's that?

*Ser.* Sir, euen now did the sea toss vP vpon or shoure  
This Chest; tis of some wracke.

*Cer.* Set it downe, let vs looke vpon it.

*Gent.* Tis like a Coffin, sir.

*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

*Cer.* What ere it be, tis wondrous heauy;  
Wrench it open straight:  
If the seas stomacke be ore-charg'd with gold,  
Tis a good constraint of Fortune it belches vpon vs.

2. *Gent.* Tis so, my Lord.

*Cer.* How close tis caulk't and bottom'd, did the sea cast it vp?

*Ser.* I neuer saw so huge a billow fir, as tost it vpon shore.

*Cer.* Wrench it open; it smells most sweetely in my sence.

2. *Gent.* A delicate Odour.

*Cer.* As euer hit my nostrill: so, vp with it.

Oh you most potent Gods! whats heere, a Coarse?

2. *Gent.* Most strange.

*Cer.* Shrowded in cloth of state, balmd and encased  
With full bags of spices, a Passport to *Apollo*,  
Perfect me in the Characters.

*Heere I giue to vnderstand,  
If ere this Coffin drine a land,  
I King Pericles hath lost  
This Queene, worth all our mundaine cost:  
Who findes her, giue her burying,  
She was the daughter of a King,  
Besides this treasure for a fee,  
The Gods requite his charity.*

If thou liuest *Pericles*, thou hast a heart  
That euen crackes for woe this chanc'd to night.

2. *Gent.* Most likely fir.

*Cer.* Nay certainly to night, for looke how fresh she lookes,  
They were too rough, that, threw her in the sea.  
Make a fire within, fetch hether all my boxes in my Closet,  
Death may vsurpe on nature many howres.  
And yet the fire of life kindle againe the ore-prest spirits,  
I heard of an Egyptian that had nine houres bene dead,  
Who was by good appliance recovered;

*Enter one with Napkins and Fire.*

Well said, well said, the fire and cleashes,

*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

The rough and wofull musicke that we haue,  
Cause it to sound I beseech you:  
The Viall once more; how thou stirrest thou blocke?  
The musicke there: I pray you giue her ayre;  
Gentlemen, this Queene will liue,  
Nature awakes a warme breath out of her;  
She hath not bene entranc't aboute fūe houres,  
See how she gins to blow into lifes flower againe.

1. *Gent.* The heauens through you, encrease our wonder,  
And sets vp your fame for euer.

*Cer.* She is aliue, behold her eye lids,  
Cafes to those heauenly iewels which *Pericles* hath lost,  
Begin to part their fringes of bright gold,  
The Diamonds of a most praised water doth appeare,  
To make the world twice rich, liue, and make vs weepe,  
To heare your fate, faire creature, rare as you seeme to be.

*She moues.*

*Thai.* O deare *Diana*, where am I? where's my Lord?  
What world is this?

2. *Gent.* Is not this strange?

1. *Gent.* Most rare.

*Cer.* Hush (my gentle neighbour) lead me your hands,  
To the next chamder beare her, get linnen;  
Now this matter must be lookt too, for the relapse  
Is mortall: come, come, and *Esculapius* guide vs.

*They carrie her away*      *Exeunt omnes.*

*Enter Pericles at Tharsus, with Cleon Dionizia.*

*Per.* Most honourd *Cleon*, I must needs be gone,  
My twelue months are expired, and *Tyre* stands  
In a peace: you and your Lady take from my heart  
All thankfulnessse, The Gods make vp the rest vpon you  
*Cleon.* Your shakes of fortune, though they haunt you.  
Mortally, yet glance full wondrously on vs.

*Dion.* O your sweete Queene! that the strict fates had pleased  
You had brought her hither to haue blest mine eies with her.

*Per.* We cannot but obey the powers about vs?

Could



*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

Could I rage and reare as doth the sea she lies in,  
Yet the end must be as tis : my gentle babe *Marina*,  
Whom (for she was borne at sea) I haue named so,  
Heere I change your charity withall ; leauing her  
The infant of your care, beleeching you to giue her  
Trincely training, that she may be mannerd as she is borne.

*Cleon*, Feare not (my Lord) but thinke your Grace,  
That feed my Country with your Corne, for which,  
The peoples prayers daily fall vpon you, must in your childe  
Be thought on, if neglect should therein make me vile,  
The com mon body by your relieu'd,  
Would force me to my duty, but if to that,  
My nature need a spurre, the Gods reuenge it  
Vpon me and mine, to the end of generation,

*Per.* I beleeue you, your honour and your goodnesse,  
Teach mee too without your vowes till she be married,  
Maddam, by bright *Diana*, whom we honour,  
All vnsisterd shall his heyres of mine remaine,  
Though I shew willint ; so I take my leaue :  
Good Maddam, make me blessed, in your care  
In bringing vp my childe.

*Dion.* I haue one my selfe, who shall not be more deere to my  
respect then yours my Lord.

*Per.* My thanks and prayers.

*Cleon.* Wee'l bring your graces to the edge of the shore, then  
giue you vp to the masked *Neptune*, and the gentlest windes of  
heauen.

*Per.* I will embrace your offer come decreest Madame.  
O no teares *Lychorida*, no teares looke to your little Mistris, on  
whose grace you may depend hereafter : come my Lord.

*Enter Cerymon and Thaisa.*

*Cer.* Maddam, this Letter, and some certaine Jewels,  
Lay with you in your Coffer, which are at your command :  
Know you the Character?

*Thai.* It is my Lords, that I was shippt at sea, I well remember,  
even on my learning time : but whether there deliuered, by the  
holy

*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

holy Gods, I cannot rightly say: but since King *Pericles* my wed-  
ded Lord, I nere shall see againe, a vassall liuery will I take me to,  
and neuer more haue ioy.

*Cler.* Maddam, if this you purpoe as ya speake,

*Dianas* Temple is not distant farre,  
Where you may abide till your date expire,  
Moreouer if you please a Neece of mine,  
Shall their attend you,

*Thai.* My recompence is thanks, that's all,  
Yet my good will is great, the gift small.

*Enter Gower.*

*Gower.* Imagine *Pericles* arriv'd at Tyre,

Welcomd and setled to his owne desire?

His wofull Queene we leave at *Ephesus*,

vnto *Diana* ther's a votarisse,

Now to *Marina* bend your minde,

Whom our fast growing scene must find

At *Tharsus*, and by *Cleon* traind

In Musickes letters, who hath gaind

Of education all the grace

Which makes high both the art and place

Of generall wonder but slacke

That monster Enuy oft the wracke

Of earned praise, *Marina's* life

Seeke to take off by treasons knife,

And in this kinde, our *Cleon* hath

One daughter and a full growne wench,

Euen ripe for marriage fight: this Maid,

High *Philoten* (and it is said

For certaine in our story, she

Would euer with *Marinar* be,

Beet when they weaude the sleded silke,

With fingers long, small, white as milke,

Or when she would with sharpe needle wound,

The Cambricke which she made more sound

By hurting it, or when tooth *Lute*

She sung, and made the night bed mute,

F

That

*Pericles prince of Tyre.*

That still records within one, or when  
She would with rich and constant pen,  
Vaile to her Mistresse *Dian* till,  
This *Phyloten* contents in kill  
With absolute *Marina*: so  
The Dove of *Paphos* might with the crow  
Vie feathers white, *Marina* gets  
All praises which are paid by debts,  
And not as given, this so darkes  
In *Phyloten* all gracefull markes,  
That *Cleons* wife with enuy rare,  
A present murderer does prepare  
For good *Marina*, that her daughter  
Might stand peerelesse by this slaughter  
The sooner her vile thoughts to stead,  
*Lychorida* our Nurse is dead,  
And cursed *Dioniza* hath  
The pregnant instrument of wrath.  
Prest for this blow, the vnborne euill,  
I do commend to your content,  
Only I carried winged Time,  
Poſte on the lame feete of my time  
Which neuer could I so conuay,  
Vnlesse your thoughts went on my way.  
*Dioniza* doth appeare,  
With *Leonine* a murderer.

*Exit.*

*Enter Dioniza and Leonine.*

*Dion.* Thy oath remember, thou hast sworne to do it, tis but a  
blow, which neuer shall be knowne, thou canst not do a thing in  
the world so soone, to yeeld thee so much profit, let not consci-  
ence which is but cold, in flaming thy loue bosome, enflame too  
nicely; ner let pity, which euen women haue cast off, melt thee  
but be a soldiour to thy purpose.

*Leon.* I will doo't, but yet she is a goodly creature.

*Dion.* The fitter then the Gods should haue her,  
Heere she comes weeping for her onely Mistresse death,

Thou

*Pericles Prince of Tyre*

Thou art resolu'd?

*Leon.* I am resolu'd.

*Enter Marina with a basket, of flowers.*

*Mar.* No: I will robbe *Tellus* of her weede, to strow thy Greene with Flowers: the yellowes, blewes, the purple Violets, and *Margolds*, shall as a Carpet hang vpon thy graue, while Summer dayes do last, Aye me poore maide, borne in a tempest, when my mother did: this world to me is like a lasting storme, me hurrying from my friends.

*Dion.* How now Marina? why doe ye weepe alone?  
How chauce my daughter is not with you?  
Doe not consume my blood with sorrowing,  
You haue a nurse of me, Lord how your fauour's  
Chang'd with this vuprofitable woe:  
Come giue me your flowers, ere the sea matte it,  
Walke with *Leonine*, the ayre is quicke there,  
And it pierces and sharpenes the stomacke;  
Come *Leonine* take her by the arme, walke with her.

*Mar.* No I pray you, Ile not becreauce you of your seruant.

*Dion.* Come, come, Ile loue the King your father, and your selfe, with more then fortaine heart: wee euery day expect him heere, when hee shall come and finde our Paragon, to all reports thus blasted. Hee will repent the breadth of his great voyage blame both my Lord and mee, that wee haue taken no care to your best course. Go I pray you, walke and be chierfull once againe; reserue that excellent complexion, which did steale the eyes of yong and old,  
Care not for me, I can goe home alone.

*Mar.* Well, I will go, but yet I haue no desire to it.

*Dion.* Come come, I know 'tis good for you:  
Walke halfe an howre *Leonine*, at the least,  
Rememeir what I haue said.

*Leon.* I warrant you Madam.

*Dion.* Ile leaue you my sweet Lady, for a while: pray walke softly, doe not heate your blood; what, I must haue a care of you.

*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

*Mar.* My thinks sweet Madame-Is the winde W eſterly that blowes?

*Leon.* South. weſt.

*Mar.* When I was borne, the winde was North.

*Leon.* Waſt ſo?

*Mar.* My father, as Nurſe ſaith, did neuer feare, but cryed good ſea-men to the ſaylers, galling his Kingly hands hailing ropes, and claſping to the Maſt. endured a ſea that almoſt burſt the decke.

*Leon.* When was this?

*Mar.* When I was borne, neuer was waues nor winde more violent, and from the ladder tackle, waſhes off a canuas clymer, ha, ſaith one, wilt out? and with a dropping induſtry they ſkipe from ſterne to ſterne: the Boat-ſwaine whiſtles, and the Maſter calles and trebles their confuſion.

*Leon.* Come, ſay your prayers.

*Mar.* What meane you?

*Leon.* If you require a little ſpace for prayer, I grant it pray, but be not tedious, for the Gods are quicke of eare, and I am ſworne to do my worke with haſte.

*Mar.* Why, will you kill me?

*Leon.* To ſatiſfie my Lady.

*Mar.* Why would ſhe haue me kild now? as I can remember by my troth, I neuer did her hurt in all my life, I neuer ſpake bad word, nor did ill turne to any: living creature beleue mee now, I neuer kild a Mouſe, nor hurt a Flie: I trod vpon a worme once againſt my will, but I wept for it. How haue I offended wherein my death might yeeld her any profite, or my life imply her any danger?

*Leon.* My Commiſſion is not to reaſon of the deed, but doo't.

*Mar.* You will not doo't for all the world, I hope: you are well fauoured, and your lookes fore-ſhew you haue a very gentle heart, I ſaw you lately when you caught hurt in paſſing two that fought: good-ſooth it ſhewd well in you, do ſo now, your Lady ſeekes my life, come yon betweene, and ſaue poore me the weaker.

*Leon.* I am ſworne, and will diſpatch.

*Enter*

*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

*Enter Pirates,*

*Pirat 1.* Hold villaine.

*Pirat 2.* A prize, a prize.

*Pirat 3.* Halfe part mines, halfe part. Come lets haue her aboard sodainly.

*Enter Leonine.*

*Leon.* These roguing theeues serue the great Pyrate *valdes* and they haue seised *Marina*, let her goe, ther's no hope shee will returne: Ile sweare shee's dead and throwne into the sea but Ile see further, perhaps they will not please themselves vppon her, not carry her aboard, if shee remaine, Whom they haue ranisht, must be flaine.

*Exit.*

*Enter the three Bands.*

*Pander. Bonts.*

*Bonts. Sir.*

*Pander.* Search the market narrowly, *Metaline* is full of gallants, wee lost too much money this mart, by being too wenchlesse.

*Band.* We were neuer so much out of creatures, wee haue but poore three, and they can doe no more then they can do, and they with continuall action are as good as rotten,

*Pander.* Therefore lets haue fresh ones whateere wee pay for them, if there be not a conscience to be vsed in euery trade, wee shall neuer prosper.

*Band.* Thou saiest true, tis not our bringing vp of poore bastards, as I thinke I haue brought some eleuen.

*Bonts.* I to eleuen and brought them downe againe, But shall I search the market?

*Band.* What else mai? the stuffe wee haue a strong winde will blow it to pieces, they are so pittifull foddens.

*Pander.* Thou saist true, ther's two vnwholsome in conscience, the poore *Thrasimianian* is dead that lay with the little baggedge

*Bonts.* I see quickly poupt him, shee made him roast-wheat

*Pericles prince of Tyre.*

for wormes, but Ilego search the market

*Pand.* Three or foure thousand Chickeens were as pretty a proportion to liue quietly, and so giue ouer.

*Baud.* Why. to giue ouer I pray you? Is it a shame to get when we are old?

*Pand.* Oh our credit comes not in like the commoditie, nor the commodity wages not with the danger: therefore, if in our yonths we could picke vp some pritty estate, t' where not amisse to keepe our doore hatch'd; besides, the sore termes wee stand vpon with the gods, will be strong with vs for giuing ore.

*Baud.* Come, other sorts offend as well as we.

*Pand.* As wel as we, I, and better too, we ioffend worse, neither is our profession any Trade, it's no calling: but here comes *Boult.*

*Enter Boult with the Pirates, and Marina.*

*Boult.* Come your wayes my masters, you say she's a virgine?

*Sayl.* O fir. we doubt not.

*Boult.* Master, I haue gone through for this peece you see, If you like her, so; if; not, I haue lost my earnest.

*Baud.* *Boult.* ha's she any qualities?

*Boult.* She has a goodface, speakes well, and has excellent good clothes: thers no farther necessity of qualities can make her be re-fusd.

*Baud.* What's her price, *Boult.*

*Boult.* I cannot be abated one doir of a thousand peeces.

*Pand.* Well, follow me my masters, you shall haue your money presently: wise, take her in, instruct her what shee has to do that she may not be raw in her entertainment,

*Baud.* *Boult.* take you the markes of her, the colour of her haire, complexion, height, age, with warrant of her virginity, and cry; He that will giue most, shall haue her first. Such a maiden-head weare no cheap thing, if men were as they haue bene: get this done as I command you.

*Boult.* Performance shall follow.

*Mar.* Alacke that *Leonine* was so slacke, so slow: He should haue strucke, not spoke;

*Exit.*



*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

Or that these Pirates, not enough barbarous,  
Had not ore-board throwne me, for to secke my mother.

*Baud.* Why weepe you pretty one?

*Mar.* That I am pretty.

*Baud.* Come, the gods haue done their parts in you.

*Mar.* I accuse them not.

*Baud.* You are delight into my hands,  
Where you are like to liue.

*Mar.* The more my fault, to scape his hands,  
Where I was like to die.

*Baud.* And you shall liue in pleasure.

*Mar.* No.

*Baud.* Yes indeede shall you, and taste Gentlemen of all fashions. You shall farewell; you shall haue the difference of all complexions: what, de'ye stop your cares?

*Mar.* Are you a woman?

*Baud.* What would you haue mee to bee, if I bee not a woman?

*Mar.* An honest woman, or not a woman,

*Baud.* Marry whip thee Gossing: I thinke I shall haue something to doe with y<sup>e</sup>. Come y<sup>e</sup> are a yong foolish sapling, and must be bowed as I would haue ye.

*Mar.* The Gods defend me.

*Baud.* If it please the Gods to defend you by men, then men must comfort you, men must seede you men must stirre you vp: *Boult* return'd,

*Enter Boult.*

Now sir, hast thou cri'de her through the market?

*Boult.* I haue cried her almost to the number of her haire,  
I haue drawne her picture with my voyce.

*Baud.* I prethy tell mee how doest thou finde the inclination of the people, especially of the yonger sort?

*Boult.* Faith they listned to me, as they would haue hearkned to their fathers Testament. There was a Spaniardes mouth so watered, that he went to bed to her very description.

*Baud.* We shall haue him heere to morrow with his best ruffe on.

*Boult.*

*Pericles Prince of Tyre*

**Bont.** To night, to night, hee Mistrisse, doe you know the French Knight that came with her?

**Band.** Who, Monsieur Varadus?

**Bont.** I, he offered to cut a caper at the proclamation, but he made a grave at it, and swore he would see her to morrow.

**Band.** Well, well, as for him he brought his discale hither, here he doth but repaire it, I know he will come in our shadow, to scatter his crownes in the sunne.

**Bont.** Well, if we had of eury Nation a traveller, we should lodge them with this signe.

**Band.** Pray you come hither a while, you have Fortunes coming vpon you, make me, you must seeme to doe that fearfully, which you can doe willingly, do picee profite where you have most gaine, to weepe that you live as you do, make pity in your louers sildome, but that pity begets you a good opinion, and that opinion a meere profite.

**Ala.** I vnderstand you not.

**Bont.** O take her home mistrisse, take her home, these blushes of hers must be quenched with some present practise.

**Mari.** Thou sayest true yfaith, so they will, for your Bride goes to that with shame, which is the way to goe with warrant.

**Bont.** Faith some doe, and some doe not, but Mistrisse, if I haue bargained for this night.

**Band.** Thou maist cut a morsell off the spit.

**Bont.** I may so.

**Band.** Who should deny it?

Come young one, I like the manner of your garments well.

**Bont.** I by my faith, they shall not be changed yet.

**Band.** Bont spend thou that in the Towne, report what a soldier we haue, you'll lose nothing by custome. When Nature framed this peece, she meant thee a good turne, therefore say what a paragon she is, so thou hast the harvest out of thine owne reports.

**Bont.** I warrant you Mistrisse, thunder shall not so awake the beds of Ecles, as my giuing out her beauty, stir vp the clewly enclined, Ile bring home some to night.

**Band**

*Pericles Prince of Tyra.*

*Baud.* Come your waies, follow me.

*Mari.* If fiers be hor, knives sharpe, or waters deepe,  
Vntide I still my virgin knot will keepe.

*Diana* aide my purpose.

*Baud.* What haue we to do with *Diana*? pray you goe with  
vs. *Exit.*

*Enter Cleon and Dionizia.*

*Dion.* Why are you foolish, can it be vndone?

*Cleon.* O *Dionizia*, such a peece of slaughter,  
The sunne and Moone nere lookt vpon.

*Dion.* I thinke you'l turne a child againe.

*Cleon.* Were I chiefe Lord of all this spacious world, He  
giue it to vndo the deed. O Lady, much lesse in blood then ver-  
tue, yet a Princess to equall any single Crowne of the earth, in  
the iustice of compare, O villaine, *Leontine* whom thou hast poi-  
soned too, if thou hadst drunke to him, it had beene a kindnesse  
becomming well thy face, what caus't thou say, when Noble  
*Pericles* shall demand his child?

*Dion.* That she is dead. Nurses are not the fates to foster it,  
nor euen to preserue, she dide at night. He say so, who can crosse  
it, vnlesse yon pray the Innocent, and for an honest attribute, cry  
out she dyde by foule pray.

*Cleon.* O go too, well, well, of all the faults beneath hea-  
uens, the Gods do like this worst.

*Dionizia.* Be one of those that thinkes the pretty wrens of  
*Tharsus* will flie hence, and open this to *Pericles*, I do shame to  
thinke of what a Noble straine you are, and of how coward a  
spirit.

*Cleon.* To such proceeding, who cuer, but his approbation  
added, though not his whole content, he did not flow from ho-  
nourable courses.

*Dionizia.* Be it so then, yet none doth know but you how  
she came dead, nor none can know *Leontine* being gone. Shee  
did

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did disdain my childe, and stood betwene her and her fortunes: none would looke on her, but cast their gazes on *Mari-  
nas* face, whilst ours was blorred at, and held a Mawkin, not  
worth the time of day. It pierc'd me thorow, and though you  
call my courst vnaturall, you not your childe well louing, yet-  
I finde it greets me as an enterprize of kindnesse, perform'd to  
your sole daughter.

*Cle.* Heauens forgive it.

*Dion.* And as for *Pericles*, what should he say? wee wept af-  
ter her hearse, and yet we mourne: her monument is almost fi-  
nished, and her Epitaph in glittering golden characters, expres-  
s a generall praise to her, and care in vs, at whose expence tis  
done.

*Cle.* Thou art like the Harpie,  
Which to detray, dost with thy Angels face,  
Ceaze with thine Eagles talents.

*Dion.* You are like one that superstitiously  
Doth sweare to th gods that Winter kills the flies,  
But yet I know, you do as I aduise. *Exit.*

*Enter Gower*

Thus time we waste, and longest leagues make short  
Sail seas in Cockles, haue and wish but for:  
Making to take our imagination,  
From bourne to bourne, Region to region.  
By you being pard'ned, we commit no crime  
To vse one Language, in each seuerall clime,  
Where our scenes seeme to liue. I do beseech you  
To learne of me, who stands in gaps to teach you.  
The stages of our story *Pericles*,  
Is now againe th' waiting the wayward seas;  
(Attended on by many a Lord and Knight)  
To see his Daughter, all his liues dlight.  
Old *Helicanus* goes along behnde,  
Is left to gouerne it: you beare in minde  
Old *Escanes* whom *Helicanus* late  
Aduanc'd in time to great and high state.

well

*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

Well sayling ships, and bounteous, windes haue brought.  
This King to *Tharsus*, thinke this Pilate thought  
So with his sterage, shall your thoughts grone  
To fetch his daughter home, who first is gone  
Like moats and shadowes, see them moue a while.  
Your eares vnto your eyes Ile reconcile,

*Enter Pericles at one doore, with all his traine, Cleon and Dionizia at the other. Cleon shewes Pericles the tooombe, whereat Pericles makes lamention, puts on sack-cloth, and in a mighty passion departs.*

*Gower.* See how beleefe may suffer by fowle shewe,  
This borrowed passion stands for true olde woe:  
And *Pericles* in sorrow all deuour'd,  
With sighes shot through, and biggest teares ore-showrd.  
Leaues *Tharsus*, and againe imbarke, he sweates  
Neuet to wash his face, nor cut his haire,  
He put on sackcloth and to sea he beares,  
A tempest which his mortall vessell teares:  
And yet he rides it out, Now take we our way  
To the Epitaph for *Marina*, writ by *Dionizia*.

*The fairest, sweetest, and best lies beere.  
Who withered in her spring of yeare:  
She was of Tirus the Kings Daughter  
On whom foule death had made this slaughter:  
Marina was she calld, and at her birth  
That is being proud, swallowed some part of earth:  
Therefore the earth fearing to be ore-flowed,  
Hath Thetis birth-child on the heauens bestowed.  
Wherefore she does and swaeres shee'l neuer flint,  
Make raging Batrie vpon shores of flint.*

No vizor does become blacke villany,  
So well as soft and tender flattery:  
let *Pericles* beleefe his daughters dead.  
And beare his courses to be ordered

*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

By Lady *Fortune*, while our steare must play,  
His daughter woe and heauy wel-aday.  
In her vnholly seruice: Patience then,  
And thinke yon now are all in *Metaline*.

*Exit*

*Enter two Gentlemen*

1. *Gent.* Did you euer heare the like?

2. *Gent.* No nor neuer shall do in such a place as this, she being once gone.

1. *Gent.* But to haue diuinity preacht there, did you euer dreame of such a thing?

2. *Gent.* No no, come, I am for no more bawdy houses, shall we go heare the Vestals sing?

1. *Gent.* He doe any thing now that is vertuous, but I am out of the road of rutting for euer.

*Exit*

*Enter the three Bands*

*Pand.* Well, I had rather then twice the worth of her, she had nere came heere.

*Band.* Fie, fie vpon her, she is able to frieze the God *Priapus*, and vndoe a whole generation, we must ey her get her rauishr, or be rid of her, when she should do for clyents her fitment, and do me the kindnesse of our profession, she has me her quirks, her reasons, her master-reasons, her prayers, her knees, that she would make a puritane of the diuell, if hee should cheapen a kisse of her.

*Boule.* Faith I must rauish her, or shee'l disfurnish vs of all our Caualeers, and make our sweaters Priests,

*Pand.* Now the poxe vpon her Greene sicknesse for me.

*Bane.* Faith ther's no way to be rid of it, but by the way to the poxe. Here comes the Lord *Lyfimachus* disguised.

*Boul.* We should haue both Lord and Lowne, if the peeuish daggedge would but giue stay to customers.

*Enter Lyfimachus*

*Lys.* How now, how a dozen of virginitiy?

*Band.* Now the gods bleffe your Honour.

*Bouls.* I am glad to see your honour in good health.

*Lys.*

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*Lys.* You may so, tis the better for you, that your resorers stand vpon sound legs, how now? wholesome impunity haue you, that a man may deale withall, and defie the surgeon?

*Baud.* We haue one heere fir if she would —

But there neuer came her like in *Metalme*.

*Lys.* If shee'd do the deede of darknes, thou wouldst say.

*Baud.* Your honour knowes what tis to say well enough.

*Lys.* Well, call forth, call forth.

*Bault.* For flesh and blood fir, white and red, yon shall see a Rose, and shee were a Rose indeede, if she had but —

*Lys.* What prethee?

*Bault.* O fir, I can be modest.

*Lys.* That dignifies the resowne of a baud, no lesse then it giues a good report to a number to be chaste.

*Enter Marina.*

*Baud.* Heere comes that which growes to the stalke,  
Neuer pluckt yet I can assure you.  
Is she not a faire creature?

*Lys.* Faith she would serue after a long voyage at sea,  
Well, ther's for you, caue vs.

*Baud.* I beseech your honour giue me leaue a word,  
And Ile haue done presently.

*Lys.* I beseech you do.

*Baud.* First, I would haue you note, this is an honorable man

*Mar.* I desire to find him so, that I may worthily note him,

*Baud.* Next, hee's the gouernor of this Country, and a man whom I am bound to.

*Mar.* If he gouernethe Country, you are bound to him indeede, but how honorable he is in that I know not.

*Baud.* Pray you without and more virginall fencing, will you vse him kindly? he will line your Apron with gold.

*Mar.* What he will doe graciously I will thankfully receiue.

*Lys.* Haue you done?

*Baud.* My Lord, shee's not paste yet, you must take so me paines to worke her to your mannage, come, we will leaue his Honour and her together.

*Exit Baud.*

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*Lys.*



*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

*Li.* Now pritty one, how long haue you beene at this trade ?

*Mar.* What trade Sir ?

*Li.* why, I cannot name but I shall offend.

*Mar.* I cannot be offended with my trade, please you to name it.

*Li.* How long haue you bene of this profession ?

*Mar.* Ere since I can remember.

*Li.* Did you go to it so young, were you a gamester at five or at seauen ?

*Mar.* Earlier too sir, if now I be one.

*Li.* Why the house you dwell in proclaims you to be a creature of sale.

*Mar.* Doe you know this house to be a place of such resort, and will come in to it ? I heare say you are of honourable parts, and the Gouvernor of this place.

*Li.* Why, hath your principall made knowne vnto you, who I am ?

*Mar.* Who is my Principall ?

*Li.* Why your beaube woman, she that sets seeds and rootes of shame and iniquity. O you haue heard some-thing of my power, and so stand aloft for more serious wooing, but I protest to thee, pretty one, my authority shall not see thee, or else looke frindly vpon thee; come bring me to some private place, come, come.

*Mar.* If you were borne to honour, shew it now, if put vpon you, make the iugement good, that thought you worthy of it

*Li.* How's this ? how's this ? some more, be sage.

*Mar.* For me that am a maide, though most vngentle Fortune haue plac'd mee in this Stie, where since I came, diseases haue bene solde dearer then Physicke, O that the gods would set me free from this vnhallowd place, though they did change me to the me nest bird that flies i'th puter aire.

*Li.* I did not thinke thou couldst haue spoke so well, I nere dreamt thou couldst; had I brought hither a corrupted mind, thy speech had altered it, hold, heere's gold for thee, perseuer in that cleare way thou goest, and the gods strengthen thee

*Mar.*

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*Mar.* The good Gods perſerue you.

*Li.* For my part, I came with no ill intent, for to me the verie doores and windowes ſauour vilely, ſare thee well, thou art a peece of vertue, and I doubt not but thy training hath bin Noble, hold, heere's more gold for thee, a curſe vpon him, dye hee a theefe, that robs thee of thy goodneſſe, if thou doſt heare in me, it ſhall be for thy good.

*Bont.* I beſeech your honour, one peece for me.

*Li.* Auant thou damned dore-keeper, your houſe but for this virgin that doth prop it, would ſinke and ouer-whelme you. Away.

*Bont.* How's this? we muſt take another courſe with you? if your peeuiſh chaſtity, which is not worth a breake-ſaft in the cheapeſt Country vnder the coape, ſhall vndoe a whole houſe-hold, let me be geldeid like a ſpaniell, come your waies

*Mar.* Whither would you hane me?

*Bont.* I muſt haue your mayden-head taken off, or the common hangman ſhall execute it, come your way, wee'l haue no more gentlemen driuen away, come your wayes I ſay.

*Enter Bands*

*Band.* How now, what's the matter?

*Bont.* Worſe and worſe Miſtris, ſhe hath heere ſpoken holy words to the Lord *Lyſimachus*.

*Band.* O abhominable.

*Bont.* He makes our profeſſion as it were to ſinke before the face of the Gods.

*Band.* Marry hang her vp for euer.

*Bont.* The Nobleman would haue dealt with her like a Nobleman, and ſhe ſent him away as colde as a Snow-ball, ſaying his prayers too.

*Band.* *Bont.* take her away, uſe her at thy pleaſure, cracke the glaſſe of her virginity, & make the reſt male-aſbe,

*Bont.* And if ſhe were a thornier peece of ground then ſhee is, ſhe ſhall be ploughed.

*Mar.* Harke, harke, you Gods.

*Band.* She coniures, away with her, would ſhe had neuer come within

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within my doores, Marry hang you, shee's borne to vade vs, will you not go the way of women-kinde? Marry come vp my disl of chastity' with rosemary and bayle.

*Exit.*

*Boult.* Come mistress, come your way with me.

*Mar.* Whither wilt thou haue me?

*Boult.* To take from you the iewell you hold so deere.

*Mar.* Prithce tell me one thing first.

*Boult.* Come now, your one thing.

*Mar.* What canst thou wish thine enemy to be?

*Boult.* Why I could wish him to be my Master, or rather my Mistress.

*Mar.* Neither of these are so bad as thou art, since they are better thee in their command; thou holdst a place, for which the damned fiend in hell would not in reputation change; thou art the damned doore-keeper to euery cusherell that comes enquiring for his Tib; to the cholericke-fisting of euery rogue, thy care is liable, thy food is such as hath bene belcht on by infected lungs.

*Bou.* What would you haue me do? go to the wars wold you where a man may serue 7. yeares for the losse of a leg, and haue not mony enough in the end to buy him a wooden one?

*Mar.* Do any thing but this thou dost, empty olde receptacles, or common-shores of filth; serue by Indenture to the common hangman, any of these waies are yet better then this: for what thou professest, a Baboone could hee speake, would owne a name too deare: Oh, that the Gods would safely deliver me from this place: heere, heere's gold for thee, if that thy Master would gaine by me, proclaime that, I can sing, weaue, sowe, and dance, with other vertues, which he keep from boast, and will vndertake all these to teach. I doubt not but this populous Cittie will yeeld many schollers,

*Boult.* But can you teach all this you speake of?

*Mar.* Proue that I cannot, take me home againe, and prostitute me to the basest groome that doth frequent your house.

*Boult.* Well, I will see what I can do for thee: if I can place thee I will.

*Mar.* But amongst honest women.

*Boult.*

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*Boult.* Faith my acquaintance lyes little among them; but since my master and mistris hath bought you, ther's no going but by their consent: therefore I will make them acquainted with your purpose, and I doubt not but I shall find them tractable enough. Come, Ile do for thee what I can, come your waies.

*Exeunt.*

*Enter Gower.*

*Marina* thus the Brothell scapes and chaucees  
Into an honest house, our story saies;  
She sings like one immortal, and she dances  
As Goddesse-like to her admired laies;  
Deepe Clearks she dumbs, and with her needle composes  
Natures owne shape, of bud, bird, branch or berry,  
That euen her art, sisters the naturall Roses,  
Her Inckle, Silke, Twine, with the rubied Cherry,  
That puples lacks she none of noble race,  
Who poure their bounty on her, and her gaine  
She giues the cursed Baud. Leauē we her place  
And to her father turnd our thoughts againe,  
Where we left him a lea tumbled and toft,  
And driuen before the winde, he is a riude  
Here where his daughter dwels, and on this Coast,  
Suppose him now at Anchor: the Citty striude  
God *Neptune* annuall feast to keepe, from whence  
*Lycimachus* our *Tyrian* ship espies,  
His banners sable, trimd with rich expence,  
And to him in his Barge with seruour hies  
In your supposing, once more put your sight  
Of heauy *Pericles*, thinke this his Barke,  
Where what is done in action (more if might  
Shall be discouered, please you sit and harke.

*Exit*

*Enter Helicanus with two Saylers.*

1. *Sayl.* Where is the Lord *Helicanus*? he can resolute you.  
O here he is Sir, there is the Barge put off from *Metaline*, and in it  
is *Lysimachus* the Gouernor, who craves to come aboard, what  
is your will?

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*Hell.* That he haue his, call vp some Gentlemen.

2. *Sayl.* Ho Gentlemen my Lord calls,

*Enter two or three Gentlemen.*

1. *Gen.* Doth your Lordship call;

*Hell.* Gentlemen; there is some of worth wold come aboard,  
I pray greet them fairely.

*Enter Lysimachus.*

1. *Sayl.* Sir, this is the man that can in ought you would, re-  
solue you.

*Lys.* Haile reuerent sir, the Gods preferue you.

*Hell.* And you to out-live the age I am; and die as I would  
doe.

*Lys.* You wish me well; being on shore, honoring of *Nep-  
tunes* triumphs, seeing this goodly vessell ride before vs, I made  
to it, to know of whence you are.

*Hell.* First, what is your place?

*Lys.* I am the Gouvernor of this place, you lie before.

*Hell.* Sir, our vessell's of *Tyre*, in it the King, a man, who for this  
three months hath not spoken to any one, nor taken sustenance,  
but to prolong his griefe.

*Lys.* Vpon what ground is this distemperance?

*Hell.* It would be to tedious to repeate, but the maine griefe.  
springs from the losse of a beloued daughter and a wife.

*Lys.* May we not see him?

*Hell.* You may, but bootlesse is your sight, he will not speake  
to any.

*Lys.* Let me obtaine my wish.

*Hell.* Behold him this was a goodly person, till the disaster  
that one mortall wight droue him to this.

*Lys.* Sir King, all haile, the Gods preferue you, haile royall  
Sir.

*Hell.* It is in vaine, he will not speake to you.

*Lord.* Sir, we haue a maid in *Metaline*, I durst wager would  
win some words of him.

*Lys.* 'Tis well be thought, she questionlesse with her sweete  
harmony; and other chosen attractions, would allure and make  
a battrie through his defended part, which now are mid-way  
stop

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stop, she is all happy, as the fairest of all, and her fellow maides,  
now upon the leuie shelter that abuts against the Islands side.

*Hell.* Sure all effectlesse, yet nothing wee'l omit that beares  
recoeries name. But since your kindnesse we haue stretcht this  
farre, let vs beseech you, that for our gould we may haue prouisi-  
on, wherein we are not destitute for want, but weary for the  
stalenesse.

*Lys.* O sir, a courtesie, which if we should deny, the most iust  
God for euery grasse would send a Caterpillar, and so inflict  
our Prouince: yet once more let mee entreat to know at large  
the cause of your Kings sorrow-

*Hell.* Sir, I will recount it to you; but see, I am preuented.

*Enter Marina.*

*Lys.* O heere's the Lady that I sent for.  
welcome faire one: Ist not a goodly present?

*Hell.* Shee's a gallant Lady.

*Lys.* Shee's such a one, that were I well assurde,  
Came of a gentle kinde and noble stocke,  
Ide with no better choise, and thinke me rarely wed,  
Faire and all goodnesse that con fits in beauty,  
Expect euen heere, where is a kingly patient,  
If that thy prosperous and artificiall fate,  
Can draw him but to answer thee in ought,  
Thy sacred Physicke shall receiue such pay,  
As thy desires can wish.

*Mar.* Sir, I will vse my vittermost skill in his recouery, prouid-  
ed, that none but I and my companion maide bee suffered to  
come neere him.

*Lys.* Come, let vs leaue her, and the Gods make her prospe-  
rous.

*The Song.*

*Lys.* Mark the your musicke?

*Mar.* No, not lookt on vs.

*Lys.* See, she will speake to him.

*Mar.* Haile sir, my Lord, lend care.

*Per.* Hum, ha.

*Mar.* I am a maid, my Lord, that nerebefore inuited eies; but  
haue beene gazed on like a Comet: shee speaks my Lord, that

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may be, hath endured a griefe might equal yours, if both were iustly weighed, though wayward fortune did maligne my state, my deriuation was from ancestors who stood equiuolent with mighty Kings, but time hath rooted out my parentage, and to the world and aukward casualties, bound me in seruitude, I wil desist but there is something gloues vpon my cheek, and whippers in mine eare, Goe not till he speake,

*Per.* My fortune's parentage, good parentage to equall mine; was it not thus, what say you?

*Mar.* I saide, my Lord, if you did know my parentage, you would not doe me violence.

*Per.* I do thinke so, pray you turne your eye vpon me, ye'are like some-thing that, what Country-women heare of these shewes?

*Mar.* No, nor of any shewes, yet I was mortally brought forth and am no other then I appeare.

*Per.* I am great with woe, and shalbe deliuered weeping: my dearest wife was like this maid, and such a one my daughter might haue beene: my Queenes square browes, her stature to an inch, as wand-like straite, as siluer voyc't, her eyes as iewell-like and cast as richly, in pace another *Iuno*. Who starues the eares shee feedes and makes them hungry, the more she giues them speech; where do you liue?

*Mar.* Where I am but a stranger from the decke, you may discerne the place.

*Per.* Where were you bred? and how atchieu'd you these endowments which you make more rich to owe?

*Mar.* If I should tell my history it would seeme like lies disdain'd in the reporting.

*Per.* Prethee speake, falsenesse cannot come from thee, for thou lookest modest as iustice, and thou seemst a *Pallas* for the crownd truth to dwell in, I will beleue thee, and make my senses credit thy relation, to points that seeme impossible, for thou lookst like one I loued indeed; what were thy friends? Didst thou not stay when I did push thee backe, which was when I perceiud thee that thou camst from good descent.

*Mar.* So indeed I did.

*Per.*



*Pericles prince of Tyre*

*Per.* Report thy parentage, I thinke thou saidst thou hadst beene tost from wrong to iniury, and that thou thoughts thy griefes might equall mine, if both were opened.

*Mar.* Some such thing I said, and said no more, but what my thoughts did warrant me was likely.

*Per.* Tell thy story, if thine considered prooue the thousand part of my endrurance, thou art a man, and I haue suffered like a gyrl, yet thou dost look like patience, gaxing on Kings granes, and smiling extreamity out of acte, what were thy friends? how lost thou thy name my most kinde virgin? recount I do beseech thee, Come sit by me.

*Mar.* My name is *Marina*,

*Per.* Oh I am mockt, and thou by some insenced God sent hither to make the world to laugh me.

*Mar.* Patience good sir, or heere ile cease.

*Per.* Nay Ile be patient, thou little knowst how thou doest startle me to call thy selfe *Marina*.

*Mar.* The name was giuen me by one that had same power my father and a King,

*Per.* How, a kings daughter and cald *Marina*,

*Mar.* You said you would belecue me, but not to be a trouble of your peace I will end here.

*Per.* But are you flesh and bloud?

Haue you a working pulse, and no Fairy?

Motion will speake on, where were you borne:

And wherefore call *Marina*:

*Mar.* Cald *Marina*, for I was borne at sea.

*Per.* At sea who! was thy mother:

*Mar.* My mother was the daughter of a king, who dyed the minute I was borne, as my good Nurse *Lychorida* hath oft deliuered weeping.

*Per.* O stop there a little, this is the rarest dreame That ere dull sleepe did mocke sad foole with all, This cannot be my daughter, buried, well, where were you bred: Ile heare you more to the bottome of your story, and neuer interrupt you.

*Mar.* You scorne, belecue me twere best I did giue ore.

*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

*Per.* I will beleue you by the fillable of what you shall deliuer, yet giue me leaue, how came you in these parts? where were you bred?

*Mar.* The King my father did in *Tharsus* leaue me  
Till cruell *Cleon* with his wicked wife,  
Did seeke to murder me: and hauing wooed a villaine  
To attempt it, who hauing drawne to doo'r,  
A crew of Pirats came and rescued me,  
Brought me to *Metaline*.

But good sir, whether will you haue me? why do you weepe?  
It may be you thinke me an imposture, no good faith. I am the  
daughter of King *Pericles*, if good King *Pericles* be.

*Per.* Hoe, *Helicanus*?

*Hel.* Calles my Lord?

*Per.* Thou art a graue and noble Councillor,  
Most wise in generall; tell me if thou canst, what this maide is,  
Or what is like to be, that thus hath made me weepe?

*Hel.* I know not but heres the regent sir of *Metaline*, speaks  
nobly of her.

*Lys.* she neuer would tell her parentage,  
Being demanded that she would sit still and weepe.

*Per.* Oh *Helicanus*, strike me honored sir, giue me a gash, put  
me to present paine, least this great sea of ioyes rushing vpon me  
ore-bears the shore of my mortality, and drowne me with their  
sweetnesse. Oh come hither,

Thou that begetst him that did thee beget.

Thou that wast borne at sea, buried at *Tharsus*,

And found at sea againe: O *Helleannus*,

Downe on my knees thanke the holy god as loud

As thunder threatens vs; this is *Marina*.

What was my mothers name? tell me but that,

For truth can neuer be confirmd enough,

Though doubts did euer sleepe.

*Mar.* First sir, I pray what is your Title?

*Per.* I am *Pericles* of *Tyre*, but tell me now my

Drownd *Queenes* name, as in the rest you said,

Thou hast beene God-like perfect. the heire of Kingdomes,

And

*Pericles prince of Tyre.*

And another like to *Pericles* thy father.

*Mar.* Is it no more to be your daughter, then to say, my Mothers name was *Thaisa*, *Thaisa* was my mother, who did end the minute I began.

*Per.* Now blessing on thee, rise, thou art my childe.  
Giue me fresh garments, mine owne *Helicanns*, she is not dead at *Tharsus*, as she should haue bene by sauage *Cleon*, shee shall tell the all, when thou shalt kneele, and iustifie in knowledge, she is thy very Princes who is this?

*Hell.* Sir tis the Gouvernor of *Metelins*, who hearing of your melancholy, did come to see you.

*Per.* I embrace you giue me my robes;  
I am wild in my beholding. Oh heauen blesse my girle.  
But hearke, what Musicks this *Helicanns*, my *Marina*,  
Tell him ore point by point, for yet he seemes to dote,  
How sure you are my daughter, but wher's this Musicke?

*Hell.* My Lord, I heare none.

*Per.* None, the Musicke of the spheares, list my *Marina*.

*Lys.* It is not good to crosse him giue him way.

*Per.* Rarest sound do ye not heare?

*Lys.* Musicke my Lord, I heare.

*Per.* Most heaucnly musicke

It nips me vnto listening, and thicke slumber  
Hangs vpon mine eyes, let me rest.

*Lys.* A pillow for his head, so leaue him all.

Well my companion friends, if this but answere to my iust beliefe, ile well remember you.

*Diana.*

*Dian.* My Temple stands in *Ephesus*,  
Hie thee thether, and doe vpon mine Altar sacrifice. There when  
my maiden priests are met together, before all the people reueale  
how thou at sea didst lose thy wife, to mourne thy crosse with thy  
daughters call and giue them repetition to the like, or performe  
my bidding, or thou liuest in woe, doo't, and happy by my siluer  
bow, awake and tell thy dreame.

*Per.* Celestiall *Dian* Goddesse *Argentine*,  
I will obey thee: *Helicanns*.

*Hell.* Sir.

*Per.*

*Pericles prince of Tyre.*

*Per.* My purpose was for *Tbarfus*, there to strike  
The inhospitable *Cleon*, but I am for other service first,  
Toward *Ephesus* turne our blowne sailes,  
Eftsoones Ile tell why, shall we refresh vs fir vpon your shore,  
and giue you gold for such prouision as our intents will neede.

*Lys.* Sir, with all my heart, and when you come a shore,  
I haue another sleight.

*Per.* You shall preuaile, were it to woe my daughter, for it  
seemes you haue beene noble towards her.

*Lys.* Sir, lend me your arme.

*Per.* Come my *Marina*.

*Exeunt.*

*Enter Gower.*

Now our sands are almost run,  
More a little, and then dum.  
This my last boone giue me,  
For such kindnesse must releue me:  
That you aptly will suppose.  
What pageantry, what feates, what shewes,  
What Minstrelsie, what pretty din,  
The Regent made in *Meteline*,  
To greete the King; so he thrived,  
That he is promised to be wiued  
To faire *Marina*, but in no wise,  
Till he had done his sacrifice,  
As *Dian* bad, whereto being bound,  
The Interim pray, you all confound.  
In fetherd briefenesse sailes are filld,  
And wishes fall out as thei'r wild.  
At *Ephesus* the Temple see,  
Our King and all his company,  
That he can hither come so soone,  
Is by your fancies thankfull doome.

*Exit.*

*Enter Pericles, Lysimachus, Helicanus, Marina, and others.*

*Per.* Haile *Dian*, to performe thy iust command,  
I here confesse wy selfe the King of *Tyre*.  
Who frighted from my Country, did wed at *Pentapolis*, the  
faire *Thaisa*, at sea in child bed died she, but brought forth a  
Maid

*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

Maid childe called *Marina*, whom O Goddesse weares yet thy siluer livery, she at *Thaisus* was nurst with *Cleon*, who at foure-teene yeares he sought to murder; but her better stars brought her to *Metaline*, gainst whose shore riding, her fortunes brought the maid aboard to vs where by her owne most cleare remembrance, she made knowne either selfe my daughter.

*Th.* Voyce and fauour, you are, you are Oroyall *Pericles*.

*Pe.* What means the woman? she dyes, helpe Gentlemen.

*Cer.* Sir if you haue told *Dianas* Alter true, this is your wife.

*Per.* Reuerend appearer, no, I threw her ouer-board with these very armes.

*Cer.* Vpon this Coast, I warrant you.

*Per.* Tis most certaine.

*Cer.* Looke to the Lady; O shee's but ouerjoyde, Barely in blustering morne, this Lady was throwne vpon this shore. I opened the Coffin, found these rich iewels, recovered her, and placed her heere in *Dianas* Temple.

*Per.* May we see them?

*Cer.* Great sir, they shall be brought you to my house, whether I inuite you, look, *Thaisa* is recovered.

*Thai.* O let me looke if he be none of mine, my sanctity will to my sence bead no licencious eare, but curb it spight of seeing: O my Lord, are you not *Pericles*? like him you speake, like him you are: did you not name a tempest, a birth, and death?

*Per.* The voice of dead *Thaisa*.

*Thai.* That *Thaisa* am I, supposed dead and drownd.

*Per.* Immortall *Dian*!

*Thai.* Now I know you better, when wee with teares parted *Pontapolis*, the King my Father gaue you such a ring.

*Per.* This no more, you Gods, your present kindnesse makes my past miseries sport; you shall do well that on the touching of her lips I may melt, and no more be seene; O come, be buried a second time within these armes.

*Mar.* My heart leaps to be gone into my mothers bosome.

*Per.* Looke who kneeles heere, flesh of thy flesh *Thaisa*, thy burden at the sea, and call'd *Marina*, for she was yeelded there.

*Thai.* Blesst, and mine owne.

*Pericles prince of Tyro.*

*Hel.* Haile Madam, and my Queene.

*Thai.* I know you not.

*Per.* You haue heard me say when I did flye from Tyre, I left behind an ancient substaude; can you remember what I cald the man, I haue namde him off.

*Thai.* Twas *Heliannus* then.

*Per.* Still confirmation, embrace him deare *Thaifa*, this is hee, now do I long to heare how you were found? how possibly preferred? and who to thanke (besides the Gods) for this great miracle?

*Thai.* Lord *Cerimon* my Lord, this man through whom the Gods shewne their power that can from first to last resolute you.

*Per.* Reuerent Sir the Gods can haue no mortall officer more like a God then you, will you deliuer how his dead Queene reliues?

*Cer.* I will my Lord, beseech you first goe with me vnto my house. where shall be shewne you all was found with her, how she came plac'd heere in the temple, no needfull thing omitted.

*Per.* Puer *Dian* blese thee for thy vision, and will offer night Oblations to thee; *Thaifa* this Prince, the faire bebrothed of Your daughter, shall marry her at *Pentapolis*, and now this ornament that makes me looke dismall, will I clip to forme, and what this fourteene yeares no razor touch to grace thy marriage day, Ile beautifie.

*Thai.* Lord *Cerimon* hath letters of good credit, Sir, my father's dead.

*Per.* Heauens make a star of him, yet there my Queene, wee celebrate their Nuptiall, and our selues will in that Kingdome spend our following dayes; our sonn and daughter shall in *Tyre*.

Lord *Cerimon*, we do our longing stay,

To heare the rest vntolde, Sir, leads the way.

*Exeunt omnes.*

*Enter Gower.*

In *Antiochus* and his daughter, you haue heard  
Of monstrous lust, the due and lust reward:

In

*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

*Pericles*, his Queene and daughter scene,  
hough assayde with Fortune fierce and keene  
Vertue preferd from fell destructions blast,  
Led on by heauen, and crownd with ioy at last.

In *Heliandus* may you well descry,  
A figure of truth, of faith of loyalty:  
In reuerend *Cerimon* there well appears,  
The worth that learned charity aye weares  
For wicked *Cleon* and his wife, when fame  
Had spread their cursed deed, the honord name  
Of *Pericles*, to rage the Citty turne,  
That him and his, they in his Pallace burne:  
The gods for murder seemed so content  
To punish although not done, but meant  
So, on your patience euermore attending,  
New ioy waite on you heere our play hath ending

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